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Memoirs herald uneasy truce

Major back on true path, says Thatcher

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

■ John Major was yesterday helped by a declaration of support from his predecessor. But Lady Thatcher still displays her bitterness at her "betrayal"

BARONESS Thatcher yesterday sealed a delicate truce with John Major by praising him and his cabinet colleagues for embracing again "the true path of Conservatism".

She marked the publication of her memoirs by declaring that Thatcherism was "alive and well" and making it plain that she is opposed to any leadership challenge.

In her book *The Downing Street Years*, out today, Lady Thatcher describes her "betrayal" by friends and allies, and their "weasel words", at the time of her greatest need three years ago.

She also discloses that she would have resigned as prime minister if she had failed to get her way during the Falklands war and during her battle with the so-called cabinet wets over economic policy in 1980 and 1981.

In an interview yesterday she declined to give generous endorsement to the prime minister and hinted that Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, was her favoured candidate eventually to replace him.

Asked on BBC 1's *Breakfast with Frost* whether Mr Major was yet a great prime minister, she replied: "Well, give him a little bit more time." Pressed further, she said: "A little bit more time and no threat of leadership elections." But she admitted that there had been a sea change in her attitude as a result of Mr Major's speech to the party conference, which took the Conservatives "back to fundamental principles", and other speeches by cabinet ministers that had embodied "the true path of Conservatism".

Her remarks, though guarded, are a boost to Mr Major as the Commons returns today after the summer recess.

In *The Downing Street Years*, Lady Thatcher gives an emotional account of her removal from power in November 1990. She says that she felt "sick at heart" after most of the cabinet had been to her Commons room to give their verdict on her prospects in a second leadership battle with Michael Heseltine. "What grieved me was the desertion of those I had always considered friends and allies and the weasel words whereby they had transmuted their betrayal into frank advice and concern for my fate," she says.

The ministers had been "feverishly discussing" what line to take with her, she says. "Almost to a man they used the same formula. This was that they themselves would back me, of course, but they regretfully did not believe I could win."

She discloses that she would not have gone on as prime minister if compromise proposals by Francis Pym, then foreign secretary, during the Falklands crisis had been supported by the war cabinet.

During her 1981 battle over monetarist policy, she was also ready to go. She told her husband Denis that "we had not come this far to go back now. I would not stay as prime minister unless we saw the strategy through." In a later reshuffle she eliminated much of the opposition.

Lady Thatcher makes little secret of her support for Mr Portillo as a future prime minister. In the book she praises the way he tried to persuade her to fight on. In the interview yesterday she said that he "has never faltered in his beliefs".

She added, however: "I hope the change will not come about for some time ... They should put all their effort on supporting the prime minister and on seeing the policies of the next Queen's Speech through Parliament, and on sorting out the finances."

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MICHAEL POWELL

PC Leslie Turner, who was injured in Saturday's riot, visiting his colleague PC Leo Filson before leaving hospital in Sidcup yesterday

Black PC says riot may force him out



Mounted policemen confronting disorder

By Richard Duce

A BLACK policeman, who emerged yesterday as one of the most serious casualties of violent weekend clashes with anti-racist demonstrators, may give up his job.

Police Constable Leslie Turner told yesterday how he was singled out as a hate figure by white protesters as he tried to divert Saturday afternoon's march in south-east London away from the unoffical headquarters of the British National Party.

He was beaten and suffered severe bruising to his head as he tried to help a colleague who had fallen over debris. He left hospital with his left arm in a sling yesterday and admitted that his wife, who is white, wants him to give up policing.

PC Turner, 35, a policeman for seven years, said: "I sometimes wonder whether doing this job is worth it now. I am just going to have to take stock and have a look at my career."

The officer was one of 19 policemen injured in clashes during the march organised by the Anti-Nazi League and Youth Against Racism in Europe. Forty-one other people were injured and 28 were charged with public order offences. Police expect to make more arrests after studying film of the march.

PC Turner, who was yesterday discharged from Queen Mary's Hospital in Sidcup, Kent, said: "It was white demonstrators. There were no black people there that I could see. They singled me out as being a traitor and being scum. I feared for my life the whole time.

"They were aiming the bricks point-blank at where my shield was. They were saying 'Just get him, get him'."

PC Turner, who was born in Britain and has three children, will receive counselling. He said: "I don't support the BNP but the fact is they have a legitimate right to freedom of speech."

Four other officers were detained in hospital and one, Police Constable Leo Filson, who suffered a spinal injury, was kept in for further observation last night.

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Rifkind goes to war over £1bn cuts

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

A THREATENED £1 billion cut in defence spending was in the balance yesterday after four senior cabinet ministers and the Tory chairman of an all-party Commons committee joined in the battle to prevent the Treasury axe from falling on the armed services.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, is expecting cabinet support against further swingeing cuts from Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary.

Mr Rifkind is to see the prime minister and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, this week to discuss the proposed cuts, following last Friday's pre-budget meeting of Treasury ministers and officials at Dorneywood, Mr Clarke's official residence.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, the chairman of the Commons defence committee, has

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Howard on defensive as judges back Woolf

By Francis Gibb and Stewart Tendler

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, vigorously defended his tough stance on law and order yesterday and refused to back down as senior members of the judicial establishment added their voices to criticisms from Lord Woolf, the law lord.

The home secretary defended his position as indications emerged that senior judges would not be prepared to send more offenders to prison unless their crimes warrant it. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, is understood to support the exaltation by Lord Woolf last week that judges should not "overreact" to the current concern about crime.

His line — and that of other senior judges — is that the sentencing principles of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 hold good: namely, that a sentence should be proportionate to the offence, taking into account the background of the offender and the need to protect the public.

Defending his position yesterday Mr Howard accused his critics of misunderstanding his speech at the Conservative party conference and declared that putting offenders in prison prevented fresh crime and protected victims. Taking away public confidence in the criminal justice system might be an invitation to the vigilante he said.

Speaking on BBC Radio's *The World This Weekend*, Mr Howard was replying to comments from seven leading judges including Lord Ackner, a former law lord, who publically supported Lord Woolf.

The home secretary denied that he or the prime minister had been rattled or stunned by Lord Woolf's speech which called into question the wisdom of imprisoning more people to curb rising crime rates. Mr Howard said his aim was to achieve a criminal justice system which protected the public and he would not be deflected from that target.

Mr Howard went on radio to defend his speech after Lord Ackner declared the government's intention to be tougher on crime seemed "largely an irrelevance". Lord Justice Farquharson, a senior member of the Court of Criminal Appeal, said he never believed prison rehabilitated anyone, and Judge Bruce Laughland,

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M25 gang rob woman of jewels at gunpoint

By Adam Fresco

THE wife of a wealthy businessman was followed home from a party at the Dorchester Hotel in London by two men who rammed her Mercedes before robbing and beating her at gunpoint.

The 41-year-old mother of three was left lying at the roadside by the men, who escaped with jewellery and the car, worth a total of about £150,000.

She was attacked after getting out to inspect the damage to her Mercedes 500SL convertible after it was hit on a slip road from the M25 at Egham, Surrey. A man approached her, put a pistol to her head and threatened to shoot.

The two men then beat her about the head and body before wrenching off her necklace, rings and bracelets worth around £75,000 and driving off in her car.

Detectives believe the men had followed the woman for 20 miles as she drove towards her home on the Wentworth estate, Surrey, where many celebrities live. A cyclist spotted the woman lying by the roadside early yesterday and raised the alarm at a nearby hotel. The woman was taken to hospital where she was released after treatment for cuts and bruises.

Det Inspector Andy Wood, leading the investigation, said it was a horrendous attack on a defenceless woman who appeared to have been followed.

Clinton attacks UK and France over Bosnia war

From Wolfgang Münchau in Washington

WITH his Secretary of State remarking witheringly that Europe was "no longer the dominant area of the world", President Clinton yesterday brought simmering US-European tensions into the open by launching a stinging attack on Britain and France over their refusal to lift the Bosnian arms embargo. But he also admitted the US had itself made mistakes in Somalia.

Expressing pent-up anger and frustration over the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims, the president said he felt "very strongly" the United Nations had made a "grave error" by imposing the embargo on Bosnia after recognising its sovereignty. The only "practical impact" of doing so had been to give a big advantage to the Serbs.

Mr Clinton added: "I had the feeling that the British and the French felt it was far more important to avoid lifting the arms embargo than to save the country [Bosnia]." Warren Christopher, his Secretary of State said Europe's "blame America" rhetoric stemmed from guilt that Europe had itself failed to resolve the Bosnia crisis.

In separate interviews with *The Washington Post*, Mr Clinton and Mr Christopher admitted that — in the words of one unnamed senior US official quoted by the *Post* — they had been "asleep at the switch" when the crisis in Somalia erupted because they were preoccupied with Bosnia, Russia and the Middle East. "We were not sufficiently attentive," Mr Christopher said.

The president said: "I do not think we fully appreciated just how much the management of Somalia had been abandoned when we turned it over to the UN mission ... I think we learned some things."

Washington yesterday formally confirmed that the hunt for Somalia warlord General Muhammad Farrah Aidid had been called off. But their comments highlight the growing chasm between the United States and Europe on several key foreign policy issues, and threaten to take America's relationship with Europe, and especially with Britain and France, to new depths. The unusual hostility of tone was underlined by the normally soft-spoken Mr Christopher when he observed tartly that Europe was no longer the most dominant power in the world, as it was becoming incapable of solving its own problems.

HAITI PATROL

Three Canadian vessels joined six US warships yesterday patrolling off Haiti in preparation for renewed UN sanctions against the regime of General Raoul Cedras. Hundreds of Westerners, including aid workers and missionaries, rushed to get out of the country, fearing attacks by gunmen who have threatened "white foreigners" Page 10

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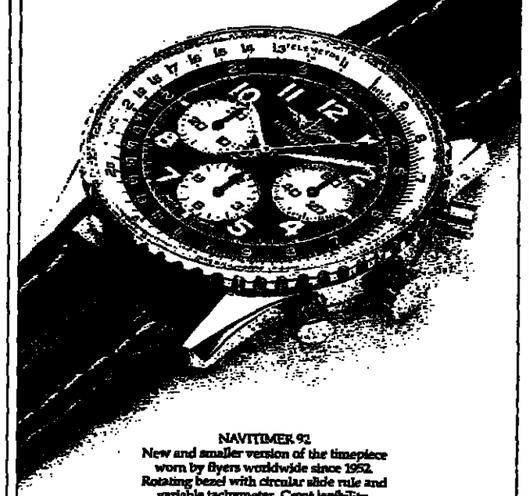
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Judges may adopt hi-tech sentencing

Scottish judges are considering using computers as an aid to more consistent sentencing. Before passing sentence a judge would be able to see computerised details of penalties imposed for similar crimes over the previous five years. It is hoped that the practice would reduce the number of appeals and restore public confidence in the judicial system.

The idea was suggested by Lord Ross, the Lord Justice-Clerk, Scotland's second most senior judge. Strathclyde University is studying the scheme's feasibility and researchers meet a group of judges regularly to discuss the proposal. The study should be completed by the end of next year and the computers could be in use by 1996.

University cash 'wasted'

Universities are wasting millions of pounds and squandering the talents of their researchers by rushing into unsuitable partnerships with companies, according to a two-year study carried out at Edinburgh University. Social scientists found that universities and other public sector research institutes had little impact on industrial manufacturing or product ideas. Their main contribution came in providing the underpinning knowledge used by companies in research and development.

Soccer player dies

An amateur footballer died after breaking his neck as he was about to score a hat-trick. Trevor Hall, 24, of Leicester, collided with another player as he went for a header. An off-duty policeman revived him but he died later at Leicester Royal Infirmary. The match, in which Mr Hall's brother was also playing, was abandoned.

Festival director quits

The artistic director of Britain's first Year of Literature festival has resigned, saying that the funding has been inadequate. Maura Dooley said she doubted whether the festival, to be held in Swansea in 1995, would be a success, despite an investment of £6 million by the government, the European Community and Swansea City Council.

Falklands war enquiry



Two Scotland Yard detectives are due to begin questioning former soldiers in Buenos Aires today about allegations that British officers committed war crimes during the Falklands conflict. Vincent Bramley, right, a former paratrooper, claimed last year in the book *Excursion to Hell* that Argentine prisoners were executed after the battle of Mt Longdon in 1982.

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Angels to fall again

The musical *City of Angels* is finally to close with estimated losses of £2.5m. Despite rave reviews when it opened in March at London's Prince of Wales Theatre, it failed to pack in the crowds and was to close in July. An upsurge in interest lifted the axe but a drop in takings over the past two weeks will bring down the curtain in a month.

Howard balks at fixed contracts for junior officers

■ Drastically curbing the Sheehy report's proposals on police contracts will be widely welcomed by all ranks in the force

BY STEWART TENDLER AND RICHARD FORD

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, is expected to abandon one of the most controversial proposals for reforming the police service — the idea of fixed contracts for all ranks of police officer.

Mr Howard is to announce his decision shortly on the Sheehy report on pay and conditions in the police service and according to Home Office sources he has decided against fixed-term contracts for all ranks. Instead he is likely to opt for contracts only for the top of the service — chief constables and some of the other senior ranks — not for the men on the beat and in the stations.

He may decide that contracts should only be introduced for assistant, deputy and chief constables or go further and use them to cover the superintendent ranks. Other ranks would be employed, as now, up to a certain age or length of service.

The decision on contracts would be welcomed by all ranks within the police. In recent months there has been increasing tension between the police and the government over its plans for reform. Thousands of officers attended a mass rally in London this summer and plans are afoot for intense lobbying against radical reforms.

If Mr Howard modified the Sheehy report he would take considerable heat out of the confrontation. Sources suggest Mr Howard is likely to accept many general principles such as performance-related pay but may not take up the detailed Sheehy plans for implementation.

Such an approach would win general support from police who have been vociferously opposed to many of the Sheehy methods.

Last week Paul Condon, Metropolitan police commissioner, told Sir Patrick Sheehy, the report team's chairman, that the police could not be treated like a commercial business. However, he added that the police accepted the general principles behind the report.

The idea of contracts for junior ranks has been condemned because officers fear that they would reduce the chances of recruiting top calibre officers. The recommendation is widely cited as one of the reasons for an apparent collapse of police morale this summer.

Based on a system used in Australia the contracts would run for ten years and then could be renewed at five-year intervals. Police fear they might be used as an easy way to get rid of officers and would create instability.

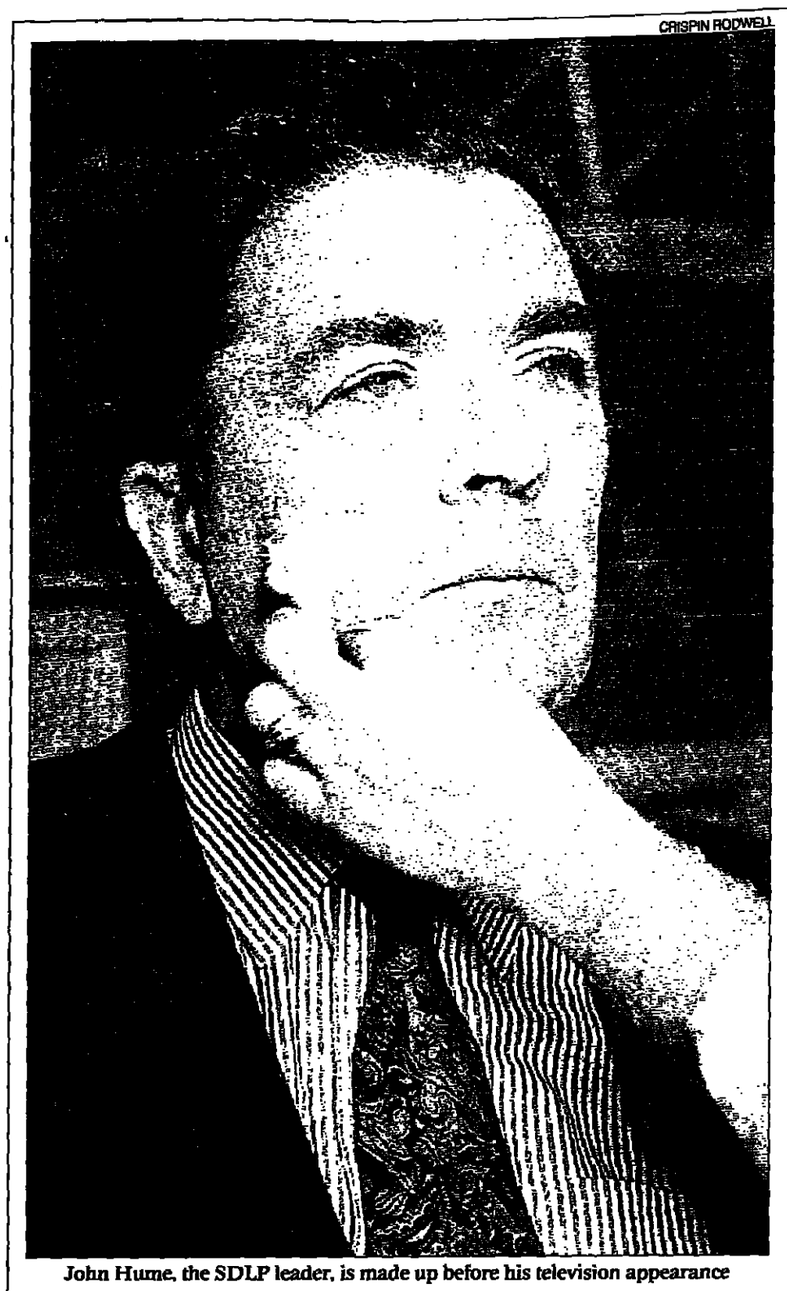
Mr Howard's decisions on the report will be announced in the next few weeks in a parliamentary statement. The reforms that he adopts would then be included in a police bill due to be announced in November.

Many other areas of the report, which includes 272 proposals, are still being studied and costed within the Home Office.

There is concern that the full report, which includes a bill of £200-300 million for redundancies would be too heavy to bear. Other plans would be too expensive in manpower commitments.

Police leaders have said they are unhappy about cutting the number of ranks from nine to six, plans to have officers serve to 60 to receive their pensions and changes that would cut the basic starting pay. The Sheehy report also proposed wide-ranging changes on overtime, allowances and working practices.

CRISPIN RODWELL



John Hume, the SDLP leader, is made up before his television appearance

Reynolds rejects deal with terrorists

BY NICHOLAS WATT

ALBERT Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, yesterday rejected the idea of reaching secret deals with organisations that supported violence as a price for agreeing to a ceasefire.

Mr Reynolds welcomed the talks on the future of Northern Ireland between John Hume, leader of the SDLP, and Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, but said that they needed to be open and above-board. Mr Reynolds, who was briefed on the talks by Mr Hume, said that elements of the discussions could "supply an important part of the basis for peace".

However, James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist party, described the proposals he had seen as "sheer lunacy" yesterday. Mr Molyneaux said that the two leaders wanted the government to announce the withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland in one generation.

Although Mr Hume and Mr Adams have not revealed details of their discussions, Mr Molyneaux told BBC1's *On The Record* that, before withdrawal, the British government would try to persuade people in the province to change nationality.

Mr Hume told the programme that he did not intend to impose a plan on anyone. "We are talking about a peace process which involves both governments and all parties," he said.

☐ A Protestant man in his 30s was shot and seriously injured in an IRA attack in south Belfast yesterday.

Rifkind goes to war over £1bn cuts

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also written to John Major warning against another round of cuts. Last autumn the Treasury won the battle to reduce the defence budget by £1 billion.

Yesterday Sir Nicholas said: "I told the prime minister there was no room for further substantial cuts." Two reports by his committee to be published today at the start of a two-day defence debate in the Commons also emphasise that the cuts already under way have gone far enough.

One report, on the Royal Navy, is expected to warn against cuts in warship strength in the Atlantic. Sir Nicholas said that if there was a demand to reduce the number of destroyers and frigates by another five, from 35 to 30, "I'd say, don't be ridiculous."

The second report, on the defence white paper published in July, will say that further cuts in manpower and equipment will seriously undermine the effectiveness of the services. Sir Nicholas said he expected Mr Rifkind to "fight like a tiger" with the Treasury. With Mr Hurd, Mr Heseltine and Sir Patrick Mayhew behind Mr Rifkind, it would be "very hard" for the Treasury to impose cuts of £1 billion.

Some officials said Mr Rifkind seemed increasingly confident that he would win his argument. July's defence white paper explained in greater detail than ever before how the £24 billion budget is spent and Mr Rifkind told his cabinet colleagues that he expected to remain relatively unscathed from this autumn's expenditure round. Another £1 billion cut could force the government into a full defence review, which could lead to a reappraisal of Britain's role on the world stage.

If Mr Rifkind fights off the £1 billion cut, there is bound to be a trade-off. Apart from possible delays in orders for more Challenger 2 tanks, additional Type 23 frigates, 25 EH101 troop-transport helicopters and updated Tornados, warship refits costing £50 million could be postponed for a year.

Baroness Thatcher also weighed in on defence spending yesterday. Interviewed on BBC TV's *Breakfast with Frost* programme, she said: "The only way to make certain that we can beat a tyrant whenever he shows his hand is to keep your defences strong. To weaken your defence below a certain level is very dangerous. That after all is what we did between world war one and world war two."

She said there were still aggressors in the world and cited Serbia as the current example.

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Judges attack Howard

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who sits at the Old Bailey, added that "imprisonment may satisfy public opinion but it creates other problems".

Lord Ackner, a newly-retired law lord, said the home secretary was overstepping his role if he was trying to tell judges to send more people to prison. "The judges will go on as they always have, applying the Court of Appeal sentencing guidelines, which have not been criticised."

It was the job of the home secretary to give judges certain powers with which to do their job, but not to tell them how to use them, he added. "The government has already encroached on judicial discretion, telling us that we ought to sit with blinkers on and taking away large amounts of our discretion. They then saw the mess they had made with that."

On whether prison worked, he added that its importance was as a threat. But even here the government had removed significantly the power of judges to threaten imprisonment, by restricting the circumstances in which they could impose suspended sentences.

Prison had to do more than merely punish, Lord Ackner added. "If prisons do not have adequate resources to train people properly so that they leave better off than when they come in, how can anyone ever expect to try to get a job outside?"



Ackner: government has encroached on judiciary

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former lord chancellor, said both Mr Howard and Lord Woolf were aiming at the wrong target. "They should be concentrating on a higher detection rate, and after that a higher conviction rate."

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, former Master of the Rolls, said that he was "rather appalled" that some serving judges had been joining in a political debate. But he agreed that judges were unlikely to respond to Mr Howard's speech by putting more offenders inside. "Judges sentence on a case by case basis and their sentencing policy is affected by the climate of public opinion, not the home secretary's opinion."

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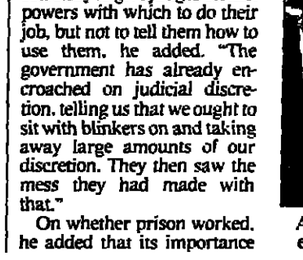
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Demonstrators accuse officers of excessive force as Condon claims organisers expected violence

Police scour video footage in hunt for march infiltrators

BY RICHARD DUCE

■ As the Anti-Nazi League demands a public enquiry into police tactics, the force accuses march organisers of hypocrisy

VIDEO evidence will be studied by police today as they try to track down the extremists who turned Saturday's anti-racist demonstration into a violent confrontation.

The biggest anti-racist march for 20 years saw clashes between protesters and thousands of police on horseback and in riot gear as marchers tried to reach the headquarters of the British National Party at Welling, southeast London.

Three women are among 28 people charged with public order offences. Commander Hugh Blenkin, who had been in charge of the operation, returned to the scene yesterday and said he expected more arrests after analysis of film taken by officers.

Police will also ask to see newspaper photographs and television film in their attempt to catch people responsible for injuring 19 officers; 41 other people were also hurt.

As recriminations over police handling of the demonstration gained momentum yesterday, the Anti-Nazi League, one of the organisers of the protest march, said it would demand a public enquiry into what happened at Welling. Both the league and the other organiser, Youth Against Racism in Europe, will hold their own enquiries.

Around 3,000 police, most of them in riot gear, had the job of keeping demonstrators to the predetermined route after the organisers' original plan to march past the BNP's bookshop headquarters was vetoed. Police estimate there were about 15,000 marchers but organisers said the number was closer to 50,000.

Mr Blenkin yesterday defended the police action in blocking off routes towards the bookshop and praised the bravery of his men.

Officers were bombarded with pieces of wood, smokebombs and masonry. Petrol bombs were confiscated by a march steward and there was evidence that some demonstrators carried bags full of marbles to roll under the hooves of police horses.

Police are adamant that the protest march was infiltrated by people bent on confrontation with police. Extremist left-wing groups with names such as Red Action and Panther UK are said to have turned up.

After the demonstration Paul Condon, the Metropolitan police commissioner, said: "The hypocrisy of the organisers knows no bounds. They must have known and anticipated exactly what happened and they provided the opportunity for it to happen."

Mr Blenkin denied claims that riot police deliberately moved in to arrest people. He said that as the march approached the route leading to the bookshop, a line of ordinary uniformed officers in normal helmets stood across the road.

The march stopped and a speech was made. Then a confrontation broke out and sticks and stones were thrown. After this attack, uniformed officers were replaced by men in riot gear, backed up by mounted police.

The joint founder of the Anti-Nazi League, Paul Holborow, refused to accept that the violence was organised. "I accept there were people who were very angry at the denial of their basic right of protest outside the BNP headquarters. Our argument is that the police action was out of all proportion to the situation," he said.

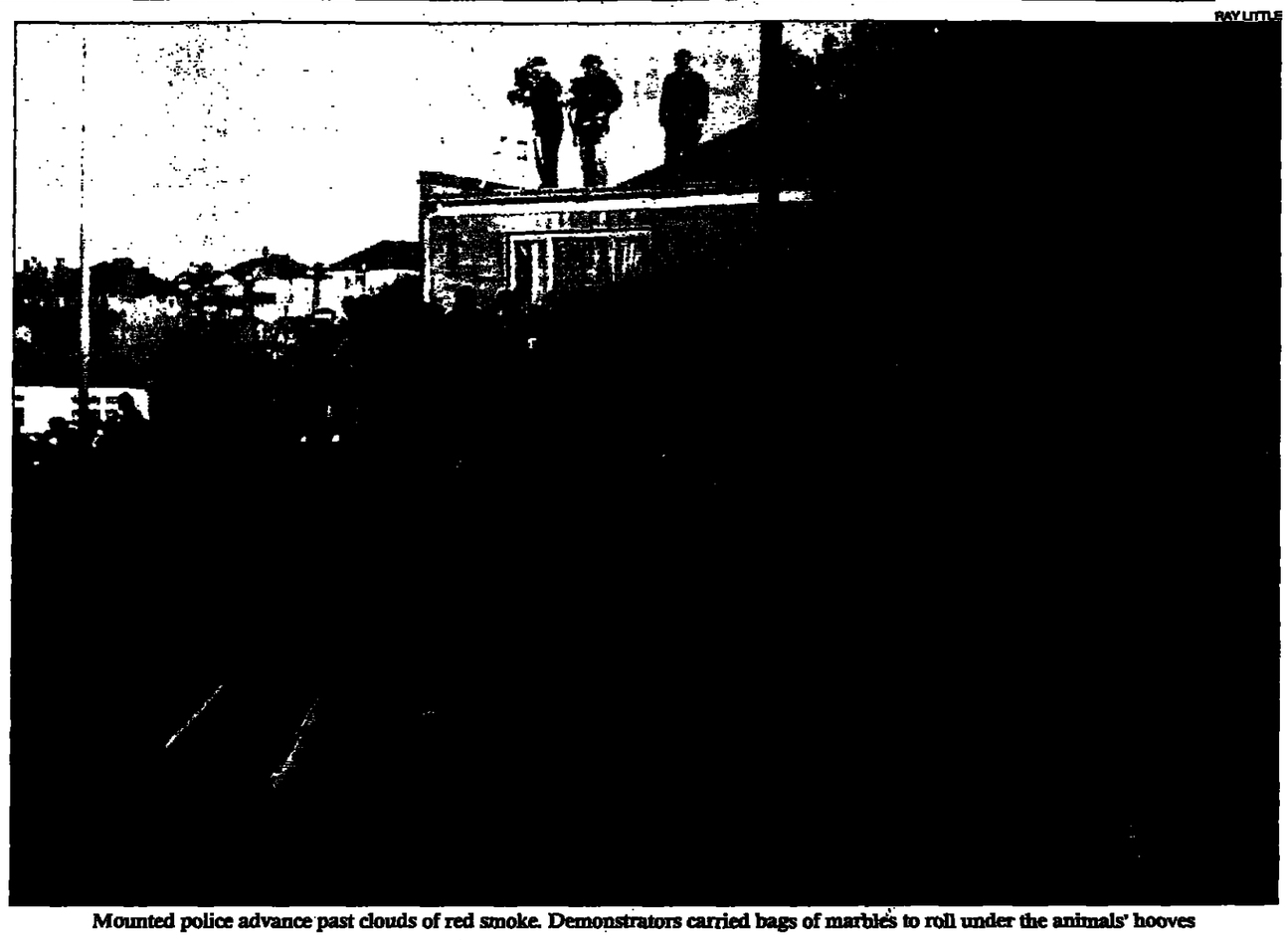
Julie Waterson, the league's chief steward at the march, says she is considering a private prosecution against the police. She claims she was struck by a police truncheon as she tried to calm demonstrators and needed seven stitches to a head wound.

"I accept there was trouble between demonstrators and police. I don't accept that we couldn't have calmed it down had we been given the opportunity," she said. "What we got was aggressive and confrontational policing."

Three men are due to appear in court today at Camberwell Green and another at Bexley. Two 15-year-old boys will appear at Bexley youth court on November 16.

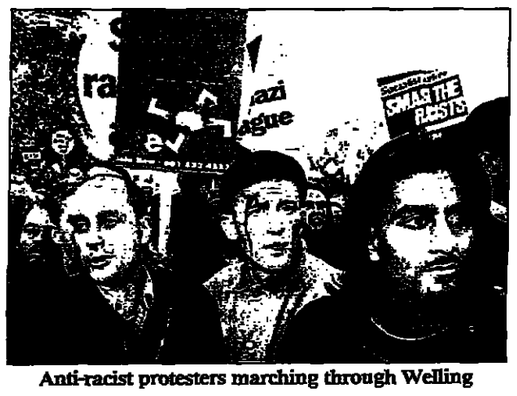
☐ About 100 anti-racist protesters picketed Brick Lane in east London yesterday where the BNP has distributed racist literature for several years. There was no violence.

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RAY LITTLE

Mounted police advance past clouds of red smoke. Demonstrators carried bags of marbles to roll under the animals' hooves



Anti-racist protesters marching through Welling

Dishevelled streets restored to order

BY LIN JENKINS

STEPHEN Shipcott stood broom in hand at the end of his damaged driveway and shrugged in disbelief that his quiet neighbourhood could have become the scene of such violence.

His home in Lodge Hill was the last to be cleared up. The team of council workmen who restored the leafy residential streets in Welling to pristine condition within hours of the clashes ending had been told to leave his alone.

By mid-morning, the police had examined the ornamental wall bordering his driveway which was kicked down to provide ammunition for those determined to bombard the police blocking off Bideford Road.

"If it was loose or they could kick it and it fell over then they were laughing," Mr Shipcott, a salesman, said.

The couple and their neighbours praised the stewards of the demonstration and the police. "It was simply a few bent on trouble. It is such a shame because the views of the others who didn't want trouble do not get heard," Mrs Shipcott said.

Irene Ibrahin's house lies at the junction of the cordoned-off road to the British National Party's bookshop. Those escaping the clashes — protesters, police and pressmen alike — gathered on the roof of their garage.

Mrs Ibrahin, one of her sons, two daughters-in-law and grandchildren watched the march for much of the time. "There were people all the way to the front door but inside it was not too noisy and the dog never even barked."

Her son Aydin, 26, had started to clear up before police told him the council team would soon be round.

Stag night revellers 'hijacked coach'

BY JENNY KNIGHT

A COACHLOAD of men returning from a stag party were arrested yesterday after the driver claimed that the coach had been hijacked. It was stopped at a roadblock and all 22 occupants were taken to the police station after allegedly refusing to say who had been driving.

The men, from Gorebridge, Lothian, were stopped early yesterday at Middleton, south of Edinburgh. Police said: "There was a breach of the peace with many of the passengers challenging the police to a fight."

A barmaid at the Dug Inn in Middleton said the party had stopped there the previous day. "We've heard it was a stag night, and they were on their way to Whitley Bay, but I don't know if they got that far. When they stopped here, they were just a nice bunch of harmless lads."

The men were charged with the theft of a vehicle while acting together, or alternatively with being carried in a stolen vehicle. They are due in Selkirk Sheriff Court today.

The bridegroom, meanwhile, was home in Gorebridge last night. He had returned by taxi.

M6 tyre fitter risks life in the fast lane

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

POLICE monitoring traffic on the M6 through remote television cameras were appalled to see a motorist changing a flat tyre. He was carrying out his repair in the overtaking lane of one of the busiest roads in Europe.

A Jaguar patrol car was immediately directed to the rescue of the oblivious driver as he toiled to remove his wheel on a blind bend of the motorway near Walsall in the West Midlands.

The Jaguar had to reverse down the overtaking lane to warn oncoming vehicles of the danger while an officer walked into the middle of the motorway to stop traffic while the car and its hapless driver could be escorted to the hard shoulder.

The motorist did little to ease the exasperation of police officers when he explained that he had stopped in the outside lane because he did not want to ruin his tyre by driving on to the hard shoulder. He escaped with a caution, although a severe dressing-down was administered by the police officers.

PC Dave Smith, of West Midlands motorway police, said: "It was the most ludicrous piece of driving I have seen. Not only did he pull up in the overtaking lane, but it was on a blind bend at a busy period. Cars coming round the corner could not see him until they were just yards away."

The police have warned that good sense often eludes drivers when confronted with motorway problems, regardless of whether they are being passed by cars travelling at 70mph.

In another incident captured on camera, a driver who broke down in the outside lane decided to make use of the ubiquitous traffic cone.

He simply commandeered cones from nearby roadworks to surround his car, then lifted the bonnet and got on with the repairs. Police used overhead signs to close down the outside lane before setting out to rescue him.

Father grieves for girl killed by hit-and-turn driver

BY JENNY KNIGHT

THE father of Laura Hawkes, a 13-year-old girl who died in a hit-and-run accident at the weekend, spoke yesterday of his "wonderful" daughter. Her death, he added, was symptomatic of the age.

Richard Hawkes, a retired Royal Artillery major, said: "I wanted to see her at the altar not in a coffin ... The people who are doing these things are cropping up again and again. Someone who does a thing like this has no worthwhile code."

Laura was one of four victims of hit-and-run drivers at the weekend, including a woman who was critically ill after being hit by a car fleeing police while she was celebrating her nineteenth birthday.

Laura was crossing the road with a friend when she was hit by a white Ford Cortina in Bognor Regis, West Sussex, on Friday evening. The driver and passenger were chased by passers-by after they dumped the stolen car in a nearby carpark.

Police arrested a man on Saturday and bailed him to appear at Chichester police station next month. A file was being prepared for the Crown Prosecution Service.

Speaking from the family home in Bognor Regis, Laura's 72-year-old father, said: "She was a wonderful girl... This is symptomatic of the age.

"My feeling is that we have gone backwards over the last 20 years. There is no stability in young men ... What can you say about somebody who has done this?"

Laura, a keen horse rider, was the only daughter of Mr Hawkes and his 48-year-old wife Kaija, although Mr Hawkes has grown-up children from a previous marriage.

Caroline Kemp, of Formby, Merseyside, was critically ill in hospital after being hit by a car being pursued by a police patrol in Stretford early yesterday.

A police spokesman said the white Vauxhall Astra had been driven erratically and without lights. It went through two sets of traffic lights and down the wrong side of a dual carriageway.

The car was found abandoned in Trafford Park. Police said the driver was a black male in his mid-20s.

At Bitterne in Southampton, Ann Wilkins, 47, died after she was hit by a car. The driver ran off but a 30-year-old man was arrested at the scene 20 minutes later.

In Havant, Hampshire, Dawn Comerford, 33, suffered severe injuries in a hit-and-run incident. She was taken to Queen Alexandra Hospital in Cosham.



Idol's designs had a strong Indian influence

The British are back in fashion

BY IAIN R. WEBB
FASHION EDITOR

BRITISH fashion showed this weekend that it is still very much alive and kicking.

The move to Milan, Paris and New York by the major names has made way for fresh talent and a joint show at Harvey Nichols department store, billed as "The New Generation", previewed eight collections for spring-summer 1994.

The designers — Xavier Foley, Deborah Milner, Abe Hamilton, Paul Frith, Sonnetag Mulligan, Copper Wheat Blundell, Idol and Selina Blow — for the most part chose a pure, uncluttered silhouette, coloured in pristine white, ivory and neutral tones. Soft shapes in linen and knit were matched with clever tailoring: elegant, yet never quite classic enough to be boring.

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Advert blitz inflates price of new cars

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

A DESPERATE advertising blitz by motor manufacturers could be adding £450 to the price of a car.

Car makers are concentrating on the UK as the only growing market in Europe. Their spending on advertising is expected to be up to 60 per cent higher this year than in 1992.

Britain's three biggest motor manufacturers — Ford, Vauxhall and Rover — are believed to have spent almost £80 million between them so far this year.

However, the three big French companies — Peugeot, Citroën and Renault — which captured a 20 per cent share of the British market for the first time in August, have rivalled them by spending about £72 million so far this year.

As sales have slumped, car makers kept up a determined assault to win customers with an industry budget of £311.08 million in 1991; about £195 for each of the 1.59 million cars sold. Last year, the total spend rose to £345.7 million — or £217 a car. The total is expected to jump significantly this year. Manufacturers are privately warning that the average advertising spend-per-car could be more than £300.

As many as 50 models are expected to be unveiled at the London Motor Show at Earls Court this week. With cars costing as much as £1 billion to develop, motor manufacturers are not prepared to allow them to fail, which often means spending heavily on advertising.

Ford launched its new Mondeo model earlier this year and its advertising budgets have been matched by Vauxhall, which is thought to have spent £5 million on its "Supermodels" campaign, which featured catwalk models such as Naomi Campbell.

However, Fiat's launch of the Cinquecento mini-car has pushed its spend-per-car to £460, estimated to be the highest in the UK industry.

☐ Prices of new cars will fall if motor manufacturers enforce new rules to end discounts.

Experiments in the USA where dealers have put up sticker prices which mean that no discounts can be given are being studied in the UK by Lex Service, one of Britain's biggest showroom chains with 132 sites.

Lex said its subsidiaries in America have successfully run the "haggle-free" system and that could mean implementing it here, effectively cutting hundreds of pounds from list prices.

However, it would take many years to introduce the system because it would mean that dealers had no profit margin on each new car they sold and would have to rely on second-hand car sales and servicing for profit.

ADVERTISING COSTS

Estimated advertising budget from Jan to Aug 31, 1994 (cost per car in brackets)

1 Vauxhall	£27.6m	(£126)
2 Ford	£26.9m	(£96)
3 Peugeot	£26.5m	(£250)
4 Renault	£25.4m	(£360)
5 Rover	£25.3m	(£150)
6 Citroen	£20.5m	(£328)
7 Nissan	£17.4m	(£270)
8 Fiat	£14.8m	(£460)
9 Audi-VW	£11.3m	(£180)
10 Toyota	£10m	(£248)

JAMES MORGAN



Two young dancers among hundreds from around the country preparing to face a West End audience yesterday in a one-night charity show for cerebral palsy sufferers organised by the International Dance Teachers' Association at Her Majesty's Theatre

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Illegal pills blamed for 12 deaths

A Cambridge University student has become the twelfth person to die after taking an illegally made tablet.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded on Kieran Forde, 27, from Bray, co. Wicklow in Ireland. The pill contained one gram of amphetamine and an unidentified compound.

Dr Patrick Toseland, a toxicologist from Guy's Hospital, London, told the Cambridge inquest: "People are dying from taking small amounts of crudely produced amphetamines. This case fits in with 11 others." It is believed the pills are still on sale.

Helping hand

People with hearing difficulties are helped by a member of Opera North using sign language next to the stage during *La Bohème* at the Empire Theatre, Sunderland.

Tattoo ordeal

A jilted man aged 20 drank a large amount of gin and removed a tattoo of his girl friend's name with a craft knife at Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Drive on drink

Greenwich is to be the first London borough to tackle abusive drunks by passing bylaws against drinking alcohol in public places.

Glider death

David Merriman, 34, was killed when his glider crashed at Denbigh, Clwyd.

Dog defects

A rottweiler was stolen from the yard it was guarding at Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly Premium Bond draw are: £100,000, 27JL538390 (winner lives in Leicester, value of holding £19,999). £50,000, 32SN565254 (Camden, £2,380). £25,000, 23JT487955 (West Midlands, £20,000).

Unpopular flight aid averts disaster

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

A FLIGHT safety device disliked by many pilots helped to prevent the mid-air collision of two jets carrying almost 500 people.

A Monarch Airlines Boeing 757 with 235 passengers and nine crew was starting its descent after air traffic control clearance over Spain last month when the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) in the cockpit told the pilot to "Climb, climb, climb". As he did so, he passed 300ft above another 757 from the British charter company, Ambassador Airways, carrying 233 passengers.

The incident is certain to put pressure on safety authorities throughout Europe to introduce the system quickly.

TCAS, which consists of a small secondary radar that warns the pilot of any aircraft flying on a potential collision course, is to become mandatory from January for all aircraft flying within the United States.

European safety bodies, however, are worried that if such a system were to be used in the crowded airlanes over Britain and the Continent, it would create problems by effectively over-riding the instructions of air traffic controllers. Many pilots are also concerned that the Americans, who introduced TCAS after a number of in-flight collisions, did not properly evaluate its potential.

In America, the number of false alerts made by the system has already led to pilots ignoring it up to 40 per cent of the time. Doubters say that unless it can be made foolproof, it should not be made mandatory in Europe, where it is now on trial.

The problems with TCAS have proved so great that the next phase — providing pilots with warnings to turn right or left as well — has been delayed for two years and further developments have been abandoned.

Cottle sells up as fun goes out of the fair

THE swings and roundabouts of the circus profession were brought home to Gerry Cottle yesterday when an auction of fairground exhibits failed to attract the crowds. A 72ft stretch limousine, containing two televisions, a video, a sundeck and a built-in fountain, fetched only £20,700 and a complete art deco fairground went unsold.

The Cadillac Eldorado limousine had been intended by Mr Cottle as the star attraction of a travelling theme park. He said yesterday that he was selling the exhibits because "youngsters didn't appreciate what we had to offer. When the show was set up in Crystal Palace, hooligans ripped out the video recorder from the limousine and wanted the rides to go faster than they were designed to go. They seemed more impressed by video games."

The sale in Hendon, north London, also featured a 1920s fairground, restored by Mr Cottle after it was discovered rotting in a field. It included a set of dodgems and a carousel decorated with cars, steam rollers, buses, boats and motorcycles.

Mr Cottle said: "No one wants to buy this equipment. There's no future for showmen in Britain as long as this government keeps taxing them to death."



Cottle: children no longer want funfairs

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Day the housemaid's new broom swept the wets out of cabinet



St John-Stevas: sacked for his "indiscretion"

BY OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

Wholesale sacking was the way Margaret Thatcher kept control of policy direction early on, her memoirs reveal

MARGARET Thatcher's *two-year battle with the* "wets" *dominated* her early period in office and she did not feel she had won it until the cabinet reshuffle of September 1981, the former prime minister reveals in her memoirs published today.

Baroness Thatcher's contempt for, and bitterness towards, many of the ministers she chose for her first cabinet surfaces vividly in her memoirs.

Norman St John-Stevas, her first leader of the House, James Prior, Christopher Soames, Lord Thorneycroft, Sir Ian Gilmour and Francis Pym are among the targets of her scorn. She accuses the wets — the left-leaning cabinet ministers who opposed her stance on monetarism, public spending and trade-union reform — of using a press campaign of leaks to undermine her.

Lady Thatcher says that her famous "The lady's not for turning" speech in 1980 was directed as much at some of her colleagues as anyone else. "It was in the summer of 1980 that my critics within the cabinet first seriously attempted to frustrate the strategy which we had been elected to carry out," she says.

"My experience is that a number of the men I have dealt with in politics demonstrate precisely those characteristics which they attribute to women: vanity and an inability to make tough decisions. There are also certain kinds of men who simply cannot abide working for a woman. If a woman asks no special privileges and expects to be judged solely by what she is and does, this is found gravely and unforgivably disorienting. In the eyes of the wet Tory establishment, I was not only a woman, but 'that woman', someone not just of a different sex but of a different class, a person with the alarming conviction that the values and virtues of middle England should be brought to bear on the problems which the establishment consensus had created."

The fight began, Lady Thatcher says, when Sir Geoffrey Howe, then Chancellor, brought forward plans to cut £6.5 billion from public spending. She began the surgery. In a January 1981 reshuffle she sacked St John-Stevas. "He had a first-class brain and a ready wit," she says, "But he turned indiscretion into a political principle. His jokes at the expense of policy moved smoothly from private conversation to Commons gossip to the front page of newspapers."

There followed in the cabinet meeting of July 23 what she calls one of the bitterest arguments of her premiership. "The wets argued their case with redoubled vigour," she says. "Even those like John Nott, who had been known for their views on sound finance, attacked Geoffrey Howe's proposals as unnecessarily harsh. All at once the whole strategy was at issue. It was as if tempers suddenly broke."

Lady Thatcher decided a major reshuffle was needed "if our economic policy were to continue, and perhaps if I were to remain prime minister". She sacked Sir Ian Gilmour ("he was — I can find no other word for it — huffy") and Christopher Soames ("he was equally angry, but in a grander way. I got the impression that he felt the natural order of things was being violated and that he was, in effect, being dismissed by his housemaid").

Mr Pym's removal came later. "In following Peter Carrington [Lord Carrington, the foreign secretary at the start of her premiership] with Francis Pym I had exchanged an amusing whig for a gloomy one." Lady Thatcher says.

'Weasel words' told Thatcher it was time to stand down

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

MARGARET Thatcher today lays bare her sense of grief and betrayal over the way she was deserted by her friends and allies in the cabinet as her premiership was brought to an end three years ago. In her memoirs, *The Downing Street Years*, she gives an emotional blow-by-blow account of her meetings with cabinet ministers that finally convinced her not to go on.

Baroness Thatcher discloses that, had she known in advance how many were "shaky", she might never have asked them individually for their support. The former prime minister, who asked ministers to visit her to discuss her prospects after she just failed to beat off Michael Heseltine's challenge in the first ballot for the Tory leadership, said many had been "feverishly discussing" what to say and what line to take.

With obvious bitterness she recalls: "Almost to a man they used the same formula. This was that they themselves would back me, of course, but regretfully that they did not believe I would win."

Her first inkling of doom came early that fateful Wednesday when her private office called Peter Lilley, the Thatcherite trade and industry secretary, asking for help with a speech she was due to draft the next day. He replied that he saw no point "because I was finished", Lady Thatcher says.

But she tells of a critical moment later that morning as she discussed her plight with party managers. John MacGregor, the Commons Leader, had carried out a trawl of cabinet ministers. He told the meeting that very few were proposing to shift their allegiance away from her, but they were concerned that support was eroding.

This was not the full picture, however. Mr MacGregor had found a large minority of cabinet ministers whose support was shaky, but did not feel able to convey the information in front of Tim Renton, the Chief Whip, and Cranley Onslow, chairman of the 1922 backbench committee, who were also in the room. "It was an important omission: if we had known the true picture of how many cabinet ministers had their doubts about me earlier in the day, we might have thought twice about asking them individually for their support."

She tells of her various conversations. Douglas Hurd: on being told that she had failed to beat Mr Heseltine, "he declared that I should stand in the second [ballot]". John Major: telephoning him to ask him to second her nomination. "There was a moment's silence. The hesitation was palpable ... Then he said that if that was what I wanted, yes. Later, when urging my supporters to vote for John for the leadership, I said bluntly that I could not win and that either John [Major] or Douglas [Hurd] would do better."

Peter Brooke: "He believed I could win if I went ahead with all guns blazing." Michael Howard: "Though he doubted my prospects, he would not only support me but also campaign vigorously for me."

William Waldegrave: "William was very formal. But he declared that it would be dishonourable for someone to accept a place in my cabinet one week and not support me three weeks later."

John Gummer: "He reeled off the standard formula .... but as a friend he should warn me that I could not win." Chris Patten: "He would support me but I could not win, and so on." Alan Clark: "I should fight on even though I was bound to lose because it was better to go out in a blaze of glorious defeat than to go gentle into that good night." Norman Lamont: "The position, he said, was beyond repair."

John MacGregor: "He, too, eschewed any originality and stuck by the formula." Tom King: "He suggested that I should offer to stand down at some date in the future. I rejected this, it would mean I had no authority in the meantime." David Waddington: "Here was a steadfast friend but one in the deepest distress. All his instincts were to fight on. For him, the argument that defeat should not be joined because defeat was likely had none of the attraction it did for some of his colleagues."

Tony Newton: "Clearly nervous, he just about managed to get out the agreed line. He did not think I could win etc, nor by now did I."

Lady Thatcher concludes: "I was sick at heart. I could have resisted the opposition of opponents and potential rivals and even respected them for it. But what grieved me was the desertion of those I had always considered friends and allies and the weasel words with which they had transmuted their betrayal into frank advice and concern for my fate."



☐ Cecil Parkinson was to have been foreign secretary, Lady Thatcher confirms. He lost the opportunity because of his affair with Sara Keays.

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NEIL KINNOCK

"Mr Kinnock, in all his years as Opposition Leader, never let me down. Right to the end, he struck every wrong note.

His Commons performances were marred by verbosity, a failure to master facts and technical arguments and, above all, a lack of intellectual clarity.

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MICHAEL HESELTINE

"Whereas with me it is certain political principles that provide a reference point and inner strength, for Michael his own overwhelming belief in himself is sufficient."

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DENIS THATCHER

"What a man, what a husband."

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GEOFFREY HOWE

"The very brilliance with which he wielded the dagger ensured that the character he assassinated was in the end his own."

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JOHN MAJOR

"He argued there was no evidence that people would rather pay lower taxes than have better social services. I did not treat him or his argument kindly."

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RONALD REAGAN

"I had been immediately struck by his warmth, charm and complete lack of affectation."

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GEORGE BUSH

"He was one of the most decent, honest and patriotic Americans I have met."

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WILLIAM WHITELAW

"Once he had pledged his loyalty, he never withdrew it. He supported me steadfastly when I was right and, more important, when I wasn't."

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JEFFREY ARCHER

"His political judgment did not always match his enormous energy and fund-raising ability: ill-considered remarks got him and the party into some awkward scrapes, but he always got out of them."

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MICHAEL PORTILLO

"He was beyond any questioning a passionate supporter of everything we stood for."

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MALCOLM RIFKIND

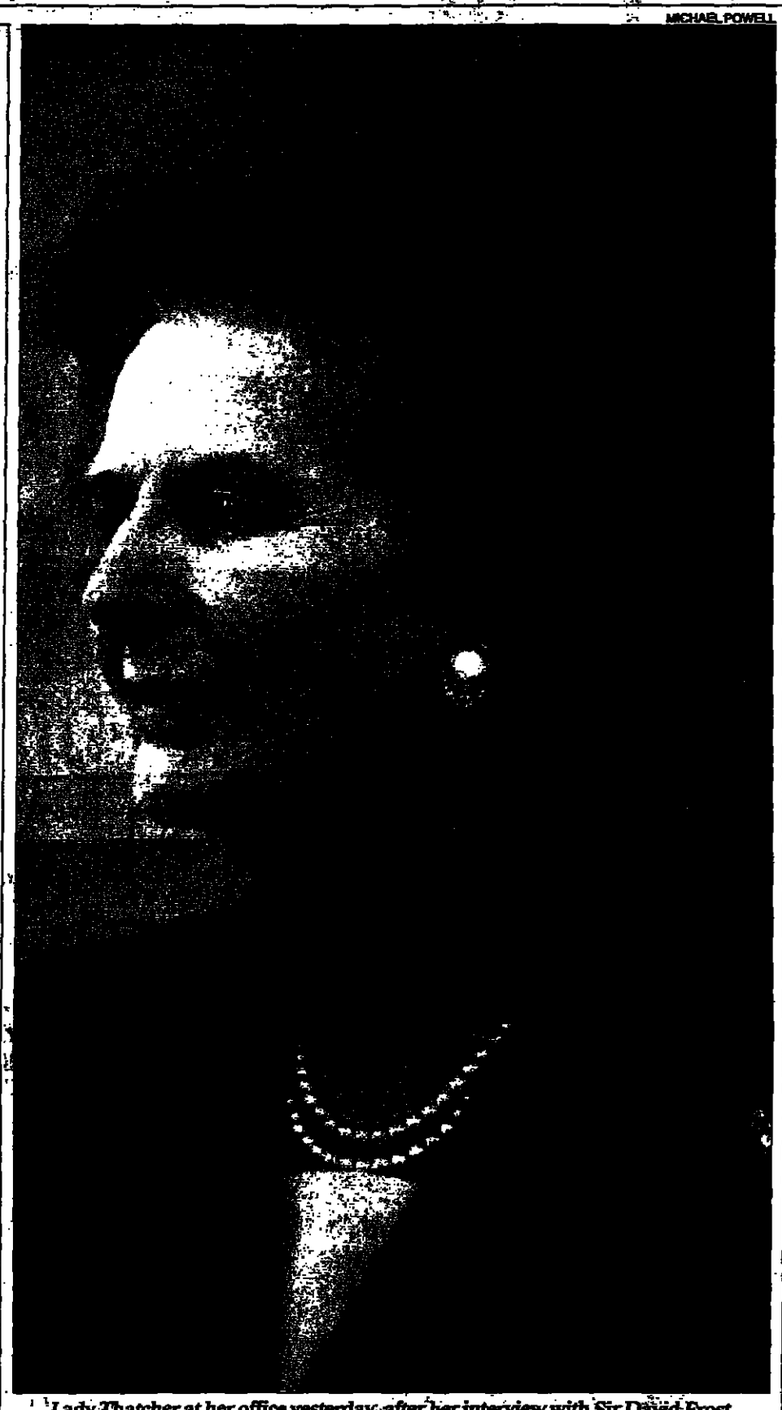
"He was one of the party's most brilliant and persuasive debaters. No one could doubt his intellect or his grasp of ideas. Unfortunately he was as sensitive and highly strung as he was eloquent. His judgment was erratic and his behaviour unpredictable."

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GEORGE YOUNGER

"I valued his common sense, trusted his judgment and relied on his loyalty. His career is proof of the fact that, contrary to myth, gentlemen still have a place in politics."

MICHAEL POWELL



Lady Thatcher at her office yesterday, after her interview with Sir David Frost

Whitehall veto triggered red alert among former allies

BY ALISON ROBERTS ARTS REPORTER

WORK did not begin in earnest on Baroness Thatcher's memoirs until she left the Commons in March 1992, although according to Alan Clark's diaries, the book was discussed as early as December 12, 1990, two weeks after she stood down.

In January 1991, Mr Clark offered to write it, but Lady Thatcher insisted on doing it herself. Agents were interviewed in secret and collaborators drafted in, primarily to add spice and polish.

Chief among these were Robin Harris, a former No 10 adviser, John O'Sullivan, editor of the New York-based *National Review*, and Christopher Collins, a politics lecturer at Oxford University.

Curtis Brown, the London literary guru, was rumoured to be under consideration as an agent, but in the end Lady Thatcher plumped for an American, Marvin Josephson, agent to Hollywood iconoclast Kitty Kelley.

Advice on publishers came from Lord Archer, but Mark Thatcher was initially put in charge of negotiations. A contract worth £3.5 million to Lady Thatcher was eventually signed with HarperCollins, part of The News Corporation, which owns News International, publisher of *The Times*. Eddie Bell, executive chairman, hailed the "publishing event of the century".

Lady Thatcher delivered the full 11 chapters to her young and ambitious editor at HarperCollins, Stuart Proffitt, in April of this year. A month later she would tell a book trade audience that the book was "consolation for the way in which I left Downing Street".

Former colleagues immediately went on to amber alert. That was upped to red in August when the Cabinet Office received a draft and vetoed several passages. The rumours began.

One detailed the "anecdote suppers" held at Lady Thatcher's home in Belgravia. It was no secret that the overly dry memoirs were sent back to be injected with some wit. Lady Thatcher invited friends and former aides to think of the lighter moments of her reign and they were duly included in the memoirs.

As publication date drew nearer, security was paramount and John Stalker, a former Manchester police chief, was put in charge. The *Daily Mirror*, however, managed to acquire a copy and published extracts to coincide with the Tory party conference, where it provoked maximum annoyance.

Now that the full text is available, recrimination and defence of reputation are sure to continue.

Colleagues' reluctance for war put leadership in doubt

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Falklands conflict, often thought to represent Baroness Thatcher's finest hour, could have forced her resignation. She says that before hostilities began she faced intense opposition within her cabinet that threatened to end her leadership after only three years.

Within three weeks of the Falklands coming under threat in April 1982, Lady Thatcher was in deep disagreement with Francis Pym, her foreign secretary, who had replaced Lord Carrington a fortnight earlier.

Mr Pym returned from America and tried to press the cabinet to accept compromise proposals drafted by Alexander Haig, the US secretary of state, that included withdrawal of the task force. Lady Thatcher writes that the proposals were "totally unacceptable" and that she and her foreign secretary "were at loggerheads".

Mr Pym lobbied ministers to accept the proposals, and Lady Thatcher writes in her memoirs that she was forced into a point-by-point rebuttal to win backing from the war cabinet. Finally John Nott, the defence secretary, "found a procedural way forward" by suggesting that the US proposals be put to the Argentinians first.

"And so a great crisis passed," Lady Thatcher writes. "I could not have stayed as prime minister had the war cabinet accepted Francis Pym's proposals. I would have resigned."

She underlines the importance of the conflict repeatedly. Her account of events opens: "Nothing remains more vividly in my mind, looking back on my years at No 10, than the 11 weeks in the spring of 1982."

Sixty pages of the book are devoted to the conflict. Some of the most emotive language is reserved for the stance of the US in not fully supporting Britain's action. After Mr Haig had attempted to mediate between Britain and Argentina, she writes: "I was becoming impatient with all this. I said that it was essentially an issue of dictatorship versus democracy."



The war secured Lady Thatcher's position

Even conversations with President Reagan, "who had already proved himself one of my closest political friends", were strained. She accused the US of being influenced too much by Brazilian sources and being "misinformed" about alleged Argentinian concessions.

Lady Thatcher says that she frequently had doubts about the chances of victory. May 25 was "one of the worst nights of the war", when HMS *Coventry* was attacked, the *Atlantic Conveyor* had been hit by an Exocet missile and reports later found to be untrue, came in that HMS *Invincible* had been hit.

After HMS *Glamorgan* was struck by an Exocet, she writes: "How bitterly depressed I was. At moments like this I felt almost guilty at the comfort, protection and safety in No 10 while there was so much danger and death in the South Atlantic."

Bubbly start to new campaign

BY LIN JENKINS

A GLASS of champagne at breakfast was the only concession Baroness Thatcher gave to her demanding schedule yesterday as she embarked on promoting her book.

True to form, she packed the day with a series of interviews with television, newspapers and foreign magazines, not stopping even for lunch.

Arriving early for her appearance on BBC Television's *Breakfast with Frost* with her hair expertly styled, she required only minimal attention from the make-up artist.

Those among the production team who heeded Alan Clark's memorable observations about the link between her mood and the colour of her outfit would have been relieved to see that she was in blue. It meant, he said, that she was in a good mood.

Lady Thatcher sat looking thoughtful at the side of the set while the newspapers were reviewed and comments made about her downfall. And after a distinctive performance in the 40-minute interview with Sir David Frost she posed for photographs and accepted an invitation to stay for breakfast while insisting that she was in a hurry.

Sir David had provided a bottle of champagne from his own cellar especially for the event and Lady Thatcher happily accepted a glass.

Back at her office, the day was taken up with more interviews, among them ones for French and Italian newspapers and magazines, many of them going over their allotted time.

The first day's promotion of the book over, Lady Thatcher spent a quiet evening recharging her batteries ready for the next day on duty.

World's leaders met their match in debate



Reagan: "It was easy for lesser men to underrate him"

BY JOE JOSEPH

WHILE she could be withering in her treatment of intellectual opponents, Baroness Thatcher's memoirs reveal how she relished nothing better than a punchy debate about the great issues of the day; it usually helped if her fellow debater was the leader of a world power.

She has always made plain her admiration for Ronald Reagan, a friend and political sympathiser, but she is equally impressed with Mikhail Gorbachev, whom she famously called a man she could do business with when he visited Chequers before becoming Soviet president.

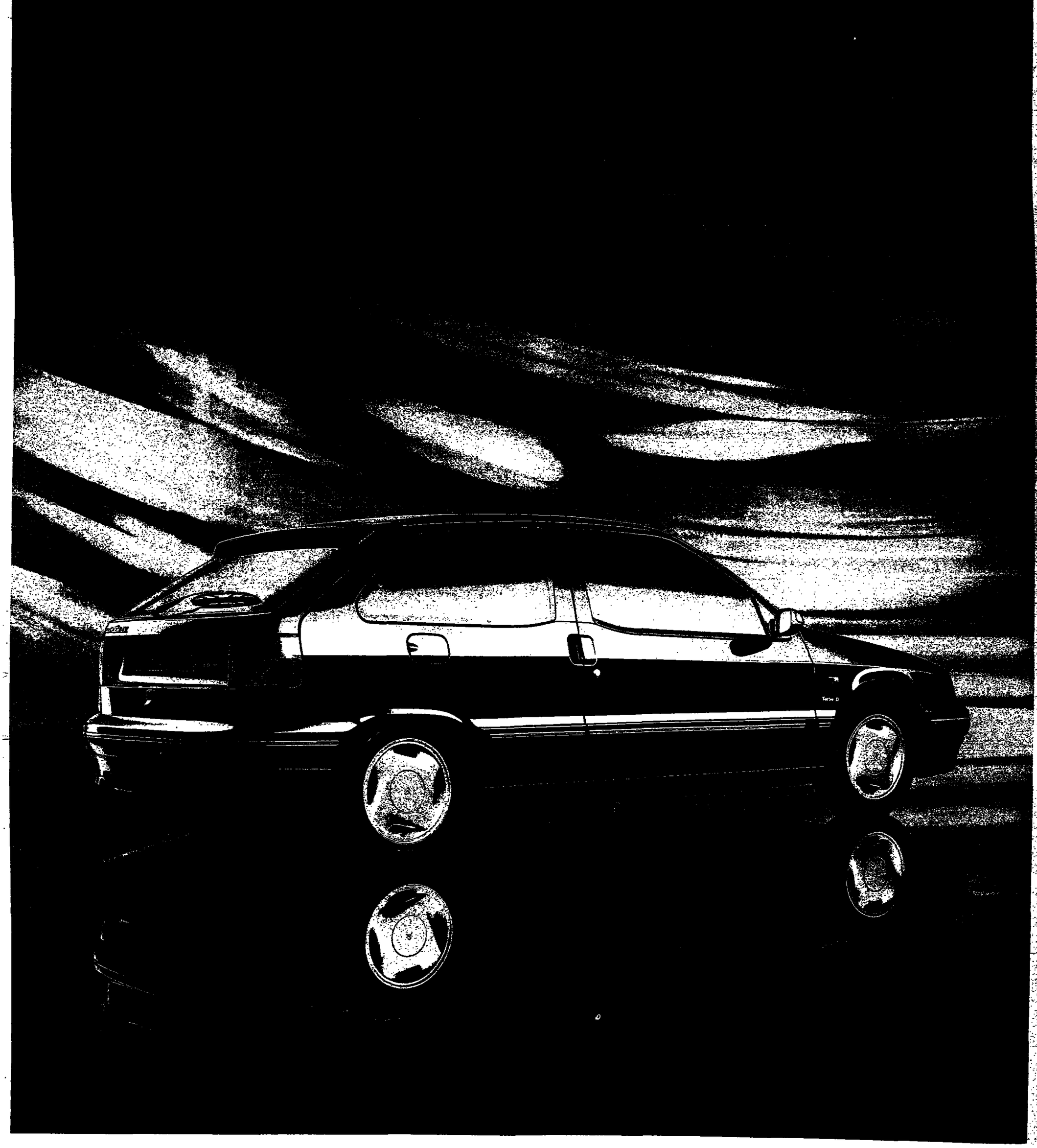
Although pre-lunch drinks in the Great Hall began rather stiffly, once lunch was served the two soon got down to business. "It was not long before the conversation turned from trivialities — for which neither Mr Gorbachev nor I had any taste — to a vigorous two-way debate. In a sense, the argument has continued ever since and is taken up whenever we meet; and as it goes to the heart of what politics is about, I never tire of it."

She adds: "If at this stage I had paid attention only to the content of Mr Gorbachev's remarks — largely the standard Marxist line — I would have to conclude that he was cast in the usual communist mould. But his personality could not have been more different from the wooden ventriloquism of the average Soviet apparatchik. He smiled, laughed, used his hands for emphasis, modulated his voice, followed an argument through and was a sharp debater. He was self-confident ... he did not seem in the least uneasy about entering into controversial areas of high politics ... As the day wore on I came to understand it was the style far more than the Marxist rhetoric which expressed the substance of the personality beneath. I found myself liking him."

Mr Reagan proved an even quicker hit. On first meeting him, when he was still governor of California and she was leader of the Opposition, Lady Thatcher "had been immediately struck by his warmth, charm and complete lack of affectation ... Above all, I knew that I was talking to someone who instinctively felt and thought as I did: not just about policies but about a philosophy of government, a view of human nature, all the high ideals and values which lie — or ought to lie — beneath any politician's ambition to lead his country.

"It was easy for lesser men to underrate Ronald Reagan ... His style of work and decision-making was apparently detached and broad-brush — very different from my own ... He laid down clear general directions for his administration, and expected his subordinates to carry them out at the level of detail."

The president telephoned her during the Westland crisis, saying he was furious that anyone dared to challenge her integrity, she writes. "He wanted me to know that 'out here in the colonies' I had a friend. He urged me to go out 'and do my darndest'."



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4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be3	e5
7	Nb3	Be7
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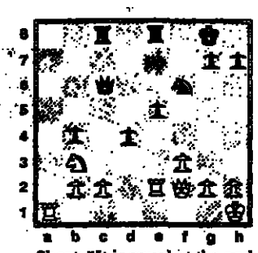
BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

IF Nigel Short had hoped to blast through Garry Kasparov's defences at the weekend, then game 18 of *The Times* World Chess Championship must have been a disappointment. After his defeat in game 16 Kasparov erected a Maginot Line of defensive fortifications in front of his Black king. The world champion then moved to block the centre, to deny Short any aggressive possibilities.

After the game Short said: "I was disappointed not to make more of it. I lost a bit of time in the early middlegame and allowed Kasparov to break out in the centre. I developed my attacking plans too slowly."

Kasparov, who now has 11½ points, and needs just one more to wrap up the match and the lion's share of the £1.7 million prize fund, was relieved to have solved his problems so swiftly in what had looked like a difficult position. "There was a lot of underneath tension in this game," he said. "Maybe I can now finish the title in just one game." Short responded: "I have a different opinion."





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9	Qf3	Qc7
10	Qg3	0-0
11	Bh6	Ne8
12	Rad1	

Kasparov: "I had this position myself playing White against Boris Gelfand in Linares in February. Now in this game I have the same position from a different side."

12	...	Bd7
13	Nf3	a5
14	a4	

Short: "Kasparov's last move 13 ... a5 is the first deviation from his game as White against Boris Gelfand. In that game Gelfand had played 13 ... b4 14 Ne2 a5. After the game Kasparov himself mentioned 13 ... a5 as a possible improvement, and it was Gelfand's idea to respond with 14 a4, which I now play.

14	...	b4
15	Ne2	Nc5
16	Nf4	Bf6

Kasparov: "I now feel I have solved the opening problems in a much better way than Gelfand did against me ... Nevertheless, the plan of ... Bf6 combined with ... e5 still leaves White with the freer game."

17	Nd3	

Kasparov: "Short could have played 17 Nh5 Bxb2 18 e5 but after 18 ... Nxe5 my bishop on b2 still defends everything backwards and my g7 square is secure. When Nigel played 17 Nd3 it was extremely difficult to assess whether this was a good piece or a bad piece."

17	...	e5
18	Be3	Be7
19	Nd2	Nf6
20	f3	

Kasparov: "Short could have tried 20 f4 to which I would probably have responded with 20 ... Ng4. However, it should be said that White's pieces are well placed for crawling improvement, not so much for direct attack."

20	...	Rfe8
21	Kh1	

Short: "I had the advantage but my plan was too slow."

21	...	Be6

Kasparov: "Short's whole plan has been designed to stop me from playing ... d5 and freeing my position."

22	Rfe1	Rac8

Kasparov: "After this move it is inevitable that I will achieve the freeing advance ... d5. My position is comfortable, my pieces are well placed and it is clear that potential weaknesses in my pawn structure won't be exploited."

23	Qf2	d5
24	Bb6	Qb8
25	Bc5	Bxc5
26	Nxc5	Nd6
27	Nxe6	fxe6
28	exd5	Nxd5

It might look strange to trade off Black's knight, but Kasparov clearly wanted to avoid any risk.

29	Nxb3	exd5
30	Nxa5	Qa8
31	Nb3	Qxa4
32	Ra1	Qa6
33	Re2	d4

Draw agreed

Short: "It is equal at the end in view of the line 34 Rae1 Nd5 35 Rxe5 Rxe5 36 Rxe5 Qxc2 37 Qxc2 Rxc2 38 Rxd5 Rxb2 39 h4 (not 39 Nc1 Rb1 40 Rc5 d3) 39 ... Rxb3 40 Rxd4 with a dead drawn rook and pawn ending.

"Also possible is 34 Qe1, but I thought this more tricky, for example 34 ... Qd6 35 Ra5 d3 36 cxd3 Qxd3 37 Nd2 e4 38 Nxe4 Nxe4 39 fxe4 Rxe4 40 Rxe4 Qxe4 when I cannot capture on e4 due to the back rank mate starting ... Rc1+. In view of the match situation I did not want to risk losing this particular game."

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MARK J. PATTENDEN

A rare Hornby Princess Elizabeth "O" gauge train, part of the collection of John Vince of Maidstone, Kent, receives its final polish before going to auction at Robin A Fenner in Tavistock, Devon, where it fetched £1,900

Race code for forces attacked

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A NEW code of practice to be introduced by the Ministry of Defence next year to stamp out race discrimination in the armed services has been criticised by the Commission for Racial Equality.

The commission accuses the MoD of failing to give racial equality a high enough profile. James Gribbin, a CRE official, complained of a "deplorable" delay in introducing a proper code of practice and organising ethnic monitoring throughout the services. "We've been trying to persuade the ministry for years," he said.

Now the ministry has produced draft proposals but the commission has said that they are inadequate. Mr Gribbin said: "The code of practice is just going to be included in Queen's regulations. But we think there should be a clear-cut procedure for transmitting the code to all personnel and that it should become part of training."

He said the proposed code did not explain that victims of racial abuse were entitled to legal advice and that they could seek compensation.

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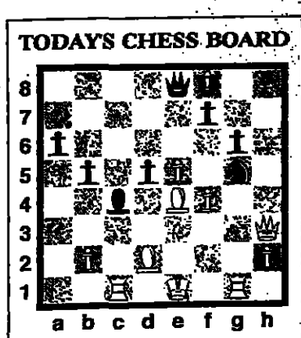
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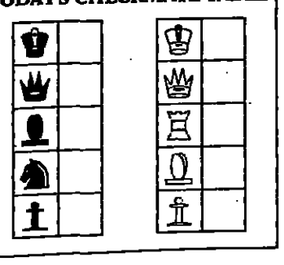
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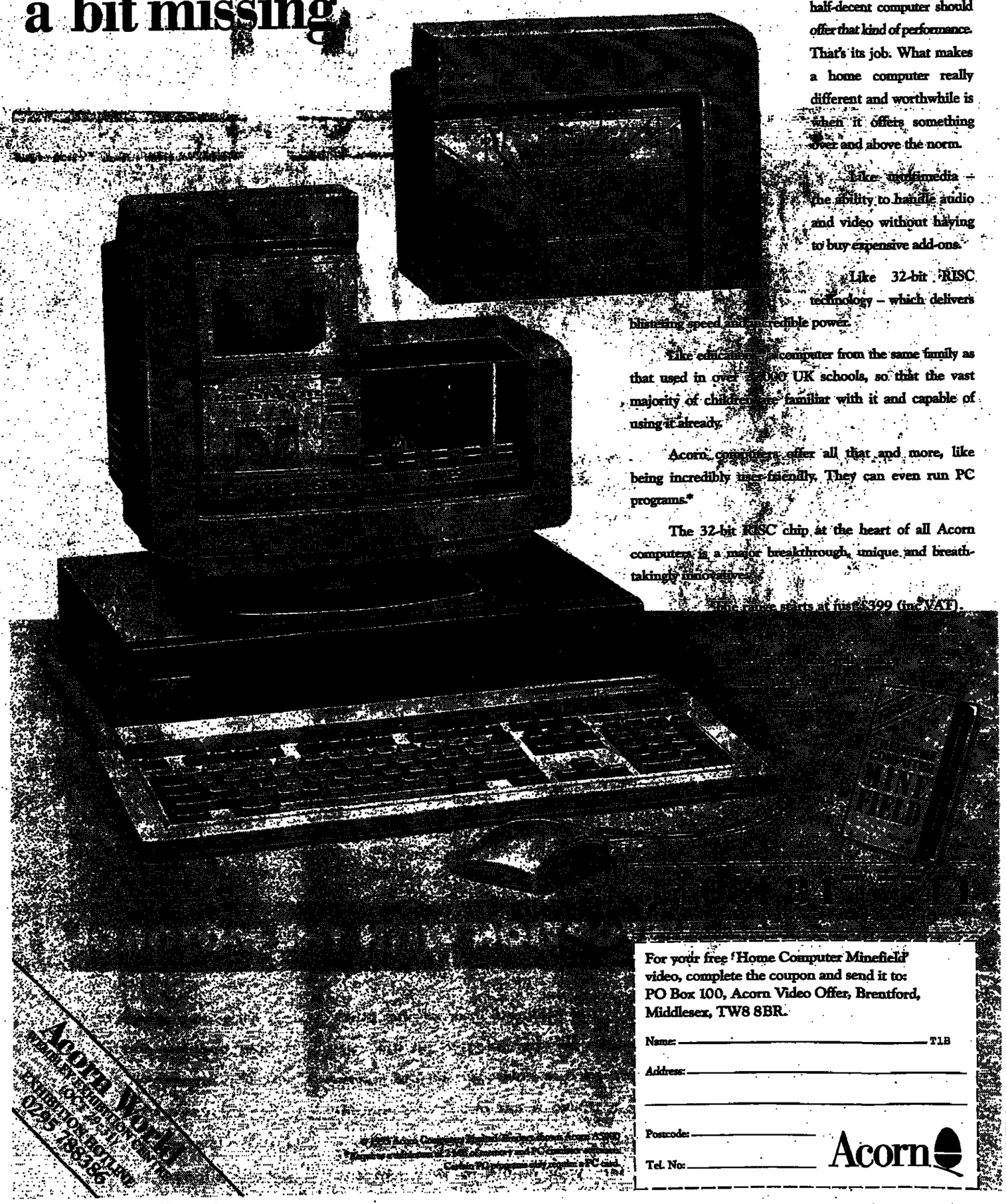
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Ostrich survives love at first bite

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

The taste test is only one battle that producers of ostrich meat must win for the hearts and minds of British shoppers

IS THERE a place for ostrich and chips on British menus? The preliminary verdict of a *Times* taste test is that the flightless African bird now being farmed in Britain has gastronomic potential.

The venue was Chez Gérard, a restaurant in the West End of London that recently hosted the inaugural meeting of the Carnivores Club, dedicated to promoting the eating of every kind of meat.

The test was timely, given that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals last week issued the world's first welfare code for the rearing of ostriches to ensure they were looked after. The code angered some animal welfare campaigners who think ostrich farming should be banned.

Present at the tasting were Jonathan Meades, *The Times*' restaurant critic, David Wilson and Gérard Bassoleil, the restaurant's head chefs pictured right. Nick McKay, director of the restaurant, and myself. None had eaten ostrich before.

In its raw state, the meat had the dark purplish colour and the close, lean texture of venison, but tastes more like beef fillet. We ate it rare, both grilled and pan-fried, and with a variety of sauces.

Wilson said he would have assumed he was eating beef if he had not known the meat's origin. Meades agreed. "I had expected it to be much more gamy," he said. "It is more like beef than the flesh of any fowl I have ever tasted."

Meades's initial enthusiasm waned. "It has got a marked after-taste — slightly metallic — that beef doesn't have. But I think it is in with a chance in a way that some recent gimmick meats, like alligator, never were."

We doubted, however, whether the British would cope with the *idea* of eating it. "The English are fantastically squeamish about what animals and what parts of animals they eat," Meades, part Scot, observed.

The meat was supplied by Francis and Linda Ayres who pioneered ostrich-breeding in Britain three years ago, hatching chicks from imported eggs on their farm near Banbury, Oxfordshire. There are now about 30 ostrich farmers in Britain.

"The meat did not come from any of our birds because there is no approved slaughtering system here," Mrs Ayres said. "We are able to import small quantities from South Africa." Breeders aim to produce ostrich meat at a price comparable to beef and think it will appeal to the health-conscious.

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Michael Hornsby, left, and Jonathan Meades putting ostrich to the taste test

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WILL WOMEN PRIESTS SPLIT THE CHURCH?

Please send me ... invitations at £10 each (concessions £5) for the Women and Church Debate to be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 on November 8.

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Ordination of women will enrich our church

The Times Essay

It is time to celebrate the forthcoming ordination of women to the priesthood. Since last November's vote, the church agenda has been dominated by opponents of the measure. The House of Bishops has not only bent over backwards, it has been in danger of toppling over in its attempts to accommodate the wishes of those who cannot recognise the priesting of women. Women deacons have been deliberately subdued. The result is that they have been existing in a kind of emotional limbo.

Not long ago I visited a new housing estate in the diocese where we have deliberately not built a church. Instead we have purchased two small semis. In one there resides a woman minister. The other we have turned into a church and community centre. When I spoke to members of the congregation, it was clear that the majority had come from non-church backgrounds. They told me that they had been drawn into the community because there was a woman minister.

This experience opened my eyes to the possibility that there is a new constituency ready to receive the ministry of women. No doubt a significant number of these will be people who have had a bad experience of men as fathers or husbands; but others will simply be people who respond to the perspectives, gifts and insights which women bring to the ministry.

Women do not have to be ordained to exercise such a ministry. Nevertheless, the priesting of women will enable their ministry to be exercised more freely and fully. They will be able to preside at the eucharist of the community to which they minister. They will more easily become vicars. In due course they will be able to become deans and archdeacons, bringing a new dimension to the hierarchy.

Apart from any new constituency, the insights and gifts of women are badly needed by the church. We will be enriched in all kinds of ways, not least in a better balance of the masculine and feminine.

In recent months the emphasis has nearly all been on the problems that ordaining women will bring. If ordination has been conceded, it is only with reluctance and a sense of begrudging favour. But the Church of England is to be congratulated on the historic step it has taken and the manner in which it has taken it. The ordination of women has not been foisted on a reluctant church by the state, as happened in Sweden. It has not been pushed through by a bare majority as in the Episcopal Church in the United States.

We have taken more than 20 years of debate and given it the decisive majority of two-thirds in each of the three Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity. At the Synod vote last November there was a genuine openness to the Holy Spirit. Until the week before, everyone had predicted that the measure would fail but a few laity who had been staunch opponents were moved in the last few days to vote for the measure or abstain. It caused them great distress but there was no doubting that they had experienced a powerful shift of conviction.

I am sad that the possibility of organic unity with the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches has receded. But at a local level, where it really matters, we know that we belong together within the Body of Christ in a way that nothing can now shake. Roman Catholics and Orthodox share fully in local ecumenical projects. We work, pray and worship together, even though we cannot yet fully share the eucharist.

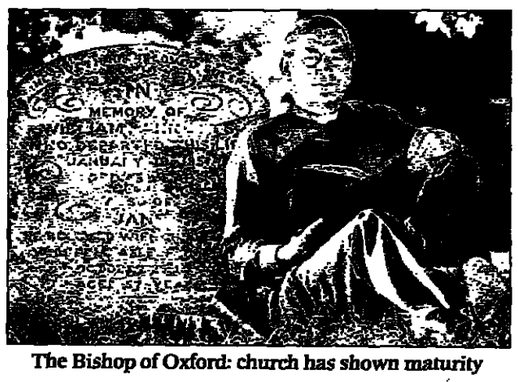
I am sad too for my friends whose vision of the Anglican Church has suddenly drained away. Yet here again I think the Church of England has distinguished itself. For the first time in the long history of religious controversy, a real attempt is being made by the majority to include the minority. Always in the past people have been presented with the stark choice: "Agree or get out." Now those who remain doubtful are to be accorded a proper place and recognised rights in the proposed Act of Synod.

Nearly all the bishops, clergy and laity are committed to make the *Koinonia* — the communion and fellowship of the church — a reality. The meetings of the House of Bishops in January and June were moving experiences as we tried to enter into the position and difficulties of those with whom we disagreed.

Last week I held a consultation for church wardens, particularly those from parishes which are divided on this issue. The spirit of Christian courtesy and the strong desire to work for the good of the church was marked. For a good many, the debate over the ordination of women has shown a way of deepening our understanding and experience of *Koinonia*.

The Movement for the Ordination of Women has recently reported that it will encourage synod members to vote for amendments to the Act of Synod. They regard it as insulting and believe that the House of Bishops has backtracked too far.

Despite many continuing reservations, I support the act.



The Bishop of Oxford: church has shown maturity

First, opponents who remain within the church are a standing reminder of that wider constituency within the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches who also remain opposed: they are a sign that we belong to the universal church, which is not yet one on this issue.

Second, time is needed for the ordination of women to be received by the church as a whole. According to the doctrine of reception, truth may make its way only slowly. What we think of as truth may be reversed or at least significantly altered. Time is needed during which those who have doubts can have a safeguarded place.

The Church of England is often derided and belittled. But the decision to ordain women and the manner in which it has been taken is, I believe, evidence of a maturity and responsibility. We have our faults and failings as a church but deciding to ordain women is not one of them. Nor is the warm and welcoming arm that is being extended to opponents. Under God we may have what William Blake attributed to Jesus Christ: "a proper pride". Now — or at least when the canon has been promulgated — is a time of gladness.

☐ *Richard Harries is Bishop of Oxford. He is the author of* Is there a Gospel for the Rich? *(Mowbrays, £7.99)*



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Bhutto demands end to siege of Kashmir mosque

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ **The Indian army has surrounded a Muslim mosque occupied by Kashmiri separatists. A repeat of the bloody assault on the Golden Temple at Amritsar is feared**

INDIAN troops surrounded the most revered Muslim mosque in the Kashmir valley for the second day yesterday and ordered up to 100 armed separatists inside to surrender. The operation brought echoes of the calamitous siege of the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the Sikhs' holiest shrine, in 1984.

Pakistan condemned the action as sacrilege and asked New Delhi to lift the siege. Pakistani police used tear-gas to disperse about 100 teenagers who attacked and set fire to three Hindu temples in Tando Alahyar, 90 miles northeast of Karachi, yesterday in protest against the siege. Benazir Bhutto, the prospective Pakistan prime minister, denounced the siege as the "worst act" of brutality in Kashmir.

Pakistan also accused the troops of desecrating the mosque, which is on the shore of Dal Lake in Srinagar, summer capital of Kashmir. It is said to contain a hair from the prophet Muhammad, making it particularly sacred to Muslims. The militants demanded to be allowed to hand over a safe containing the prohet's hair to the "general masses" in return for giving themselves up.

In a meeting with Wajahat Habibullah, a Kashmir administration official, militants claimed that they had planted explosives in the complex and warned against an army assault. They also wanted a curfew over large parts of Srinagar lifted so that Muslims could make their way to the lakeside shrine.

Electricity to the mosque has been cut off and no food is being allowed through. It is cold at this time of year, particularly at night. Although the heavy military presence is reminiscent of the siege of the Golden Temple, Indian government officials insisted last night that there were no plans to attack the shrine.

P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian prime minister, called an emergency cabinet meeting over the weekend, which was continuing late last night. A spokesman described the situation as "tense and difficult".

Indian security forces have been successfully stepping up their drive against militant groups fighting either for an independent Kashmir or taking the Indian-held two-thirds of Kashmir into Pakistan.

☐ **Islamabad:** Mrs Bhutto was poised to become prime minister of Pakistan after parliament chose members of her Pakistan People's Party as Speaker and deputy Speaker in preference to the previous Pakistan Muslim League incumbents. *(AFP)*



Indian troops watch as a building burns next to the Hazratbal mosque in Srinagar where militants have taken cover

Offensive comic sparks Muslim unrest in China

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE senior official Muslim in China has blamed a small number of troublemakers for violent unrest again sweeping through the country's vast Islamic areas.

But the original cause was a Taiwanese comic, illegally reprinted in the region and apparently calculated to cause maximum religious offence, which showed Muslims praying near a pig.

Ilyas Shen Xiaxi, the president of the national Islamic association, alleged that recent uprisings affecting virtually all the north west and which required the protection of ethnic Chinese by army units, were the work of a tiny minority aiming to disrupt unity and production.

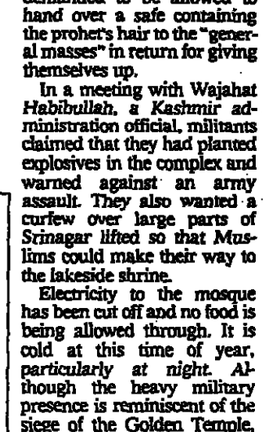
The present disorder, described by security forces as large scale, followed the unlawful copying of the comic by a publisher in Sichuan, a western province with many Muslims. After local protests, unrest spread to a huge crescent of southwest and western China, much of which borders on the Muslim states of the former Soviet Union, and is home to at least 15 million Muslims.

Mr Shen, an imam, said the lesson of the unrest was that the guardians of mosques must not let them be used for illegal purposes or any activity that contravened the Koran. The control of mosques is a sensitive issue for China's Muslims.

Although the central government has already dismissed the directors of the Sichuan publishing house which pirated the offending comic and the original publisher in Taiwan has apologised, the disorder has been spreading since early last month.

In Qinghai, where 40 per cent of the population is non-Chinese and mostly Muslims and Tibetan Buddhists, an official report said that "rioters assaulted local party and government offices, smashed police vehicles, and besieged and attacked ...armed policemen who were exercising their duty".

Troops have also been sent to restore order in Kashgar, western Xinjiang. What terrifies Peking is not a tiny handful of splinter groups, but rather the spectre of local Muslims, from Sichuan to Xinjiang, teaming up with their ethnic and religious Uighur, Kazhak, Tajik, and Uzbek cousins across the border. This area has been seething with religious nationalism since the last century when China and Russia brought it under a measure of central control. Moderate Muslim leaders in Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Turkey are now worried that Iranian Shias are gaining the upper hand in regions where Moscow and Peking can no longer guarantee even uncertain stability.



Rao: emergency cabinet meeting

Greenpeace catches Russian navy dumping nuclear waste off Japan

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A RUSSIAN tanker has begun dumping liquid nuclear waste into the sea north of Japan in violation of an international moratorium, according to Greenpeace, the environmental organisation.

Japan announced that it would seek an "immediate halt" to the dumping which a government official called "very regrettable".

The Russian environment ministry confirmed yesterday that a navy tanker was dumping nuclear waste into the ocean north of Japan but it said international authorities had been informed. The Interfax news agency quoted Amirkhan Amirkhanov, the deputy environment minister, as saying that radiation levels in the waste were very low.

Pumping of the waste began yesterday morning, Greenpeace, which has been shadowing the ship, monitored the operation from an inflatable boat. Airborne radiation was measured [illegible] times the levels around the tanker.

The tanker left Vladivostok a few days ago, escorted by several other naval vessels. Greenpeace said the ship began pumping waste into the sea 105 nautical miles southeast of Vladivostok, without containment, despite stormy conditions. The waste is understood to be reactor coolant and cleaning waters from ageing submarines in the Russian navy's Pacific fleet.



In a statement, Greenpeace said its boat had approached within 50ft of the tanker, TNT27. "The crew was able to confirm the presence on the deck of several containers bearing radiation symbols." An international moratorium on the dumping of radioactive waste at sea was signed in London in 1983, but the Russian navy has ignored this. President Yeltsin and Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese prime minister, agreed in Tokyo last week to begin studies on the dumping of nuclear waste in the Sea of Japan next month.

The waste is being discharged 300 miles off the coast of Japan, and Greenpeace has issued a warning to Japanese seafarers to exercise "extreme caution". Its vessel is broadcasting an hourly alert to all ships in the area as the Russians are not giving any navigational warnings.

Moscow announced at the weekend that it had given up plans to raise a sunken submarine that is leaking radioactive waste into the Barents Sea and threatens to contaminate one of the most important fish-breeding seas. Tengis Borisov, the head of a government committee on special underwater work, said that the *Komsomolets* submarine and its two nuclear-armed torpedos would be sealed in a special tomb. He said scientific bodies and the defence ministry had agreed that the ship, which sank off northern Norway in April 1989 with the loss of 42 lives, should be buried in a unique tomb.

Mr Borisov said the ship, which has begun to leak waste, could contaminate the Norwegian Sea for 700 years. Oslo has expressed deep concern about the submarine, but says that there is an even greater danger of contamination by the dumping of ageing submarine reactors.

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Syrian threat delays talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE prospects for peace in the Middle East received a setback yesterday when the US postponed the resumption of Arab-Israeli negotiations in Washington after Syria threatened to boycott the talks.

In what amounted to the most serious challenge to the historic but fragile peace agreement reached last month between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the State Department informed participants that it was postponing the resumption of talks, due to start later this month, until the end of November.

The decision followed an apparent toughening of Syria's position at the weekend, notably criticism of Israel by Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian foreign minister, and the formation in Damascus of a new 10-member Palestinian rejectionist front opposed to the peace agreement and Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman. The National, Democratic and Islamic Front, made up of four radical groups in the PLO, four anti-Arafat groups and two Islamic fundamentalist organisations, vowed to attack both Israeli targets and the newly formed Palestinian police.

In remarks made during a visit to Cairo on Saturday where he met President Mubarak of Egypt, Mr al-Sharaa said that Syria would boycott future direct negotiations with Israel unless the Israelis showed greater flexibility.

"We will not go to Washington to participate in sterile and non-profitable talks," Mr al-Sharaa said. "We will only go when the Israelis show they are serious about achieving results."

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, dismissed the threatened Syrian walkout and said that success in talks with one Arab side in the negotiations was not linked to progress with the others.

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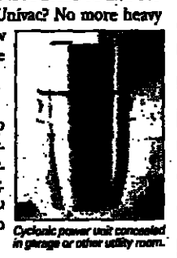
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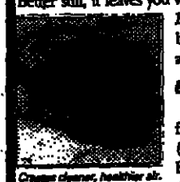
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Military keeps up opposition to Aristide and plans anti-foreign protest strike

Panic seizes Haiti as US ships begin blockade

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

SIX American destroyers yesterday encircled Haiti and prepared to enforce crippling United Nations sanctions from today, but supporters of the military regime declared that they would rather starve than permit the return of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled president.

Panic seized the country at the weekend. Hundreds of people, including missionaries and aid workers, fled to the international airport and many families stockpiled food. The UN pulled out more than 200 human rights monitors who were the last safeguard against the regime's brutal suppression of political dissent.

Washington withdrew nearly 50 non-combat troops who were supposed to be preparing for Mr Aristide's return at the end of this month. Canada warned its nationals to leave Haiti and sent three warships to complement the American force.

The only arrivals were 30 US marines to strengthen security at the American embassy, and 600 marines were also sent to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, on standby to evacuate 1,000 Americans in Haiti if they are attacked.

The United States has not ruled out military intervention in Haiti. Madeleine Albright, the American ambassador to the UN, told NBC television yesterday. "The protection of American lives is foremost in our minds," she said. "We don't rule anything in or anything out."

In Port-au-Prince, the capital, at least one person died amid continuing gunfire and police checkpoints were set up on several roads. Threats of violence have delayed the funeral of Guy Malary, the justice minister assassinated last week.

Many Haitians believed yesterday that an American military invasion was imminent. There were repeated reports that the regime and its armed force of civilian "attachés" would turn on the few foreigners still in the capital. A flashpoint could come today when the regime tries to enforce a national strike to protest against foreign intervention in the country's internal affairs and the UN imposes sanctions on Haiti.

General Raoul Cedras and Colonel Michel François, the army and police chiefs, not only failed to resign at the weekend as required by the political accord the UN brokered last July, but their ultra-nationalist supporters held a Saturday night rally in Port-au-Prince to declare their defiance. Barely 300 attended, indicating the minimal support the regime enjoys, and it was curtailed by torrential rain.

"The return of Aristide to Haiti is forcing us to drink poison," said Carl Denis, a leading member of the October 11 Revolutionary Council, a newly formed pro-military umbrella organisation named after the day last week that armed thugs prevented a US naval ship from docking.

Mr Denis, a wealthy businessman close to the regime's leaders, insisted that Mr Aristide and his supporters were preparing to exact a bloody revenge and called General Cedras their only guarantor of law and order.



Haitians fleeing Port-au-Prince at the weekend as American and Canadian warships patrolled offshore ready to enforce UN sanctions

Tontons Macoute mutate and prosper



Papa Doc: past master of rule by terror

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

■ The brutal secret police organisation established by "Papa Doc" Duvalier lives on in Haiti today in all but name. Persecution of political opponents continues unabated

TO DRIVE north from Port-au-Prince is no idyllic tour of a palm-fringed Caribbean coastline. It is a trip through a Haitian house of horrors that shows how little has changed since Graham Greene immortalised this benighted little nation in *The Comedians*, his 1960s novel about "Papa Doc" Duvalier's dreaded Tontons Macoute henchmen.

Seven years after "Baby Doc", Duvalier's son and heir, fled to France on an American military plane, Haiti's tiny mulatto elite continue to plunder the country as if it were their personal piggy-bank. They still rule, by raw terror, some of the most brutalised, cowed, illiterate and impoverished people on earth.

The Tontons Macoute have mutated into "attachés", armed thugs operated by the military who racketeer and violently suppress all political opposition. United Nations human rights monitors report as many as 100 political killings since July.

Just beyond the city is Ti Tanyen, a desolate coastal wasteland the Duvalier regime used for nocturnal executions and dumping corpses. UN monitors and local people say it is being put to the same use now. The road, punctuated by police checkpoints, passes through Duvalierville, now renamed Cabaret. This was Papa Doc's model village, a folly of grandiose buildings that showed his utter disregard for his people's real needs.

Luly appears a delightfully tranquil fishing village, but since the 1991 coup hundreds of Haitians have embarked on rickety boats from here in a desperate attempt to reach Florida, 700 miles northwards. A boat builder tells us that the regime employs several villagers as "attachés". Each gets a gun and perhaps $100 (£65) a month, plus $50 whenever General Raoul Cedras, the army chief, visits his weekend house nearby.

In nearby Montrouis, three dissidents were said to have been killed last week, though distinguishing fact from rumour is impossible. Certainly villagers are petrified. Just one man will talk to us, but not in the open.

In a piece of pure Greenery, Colonel Michel François, Haiti's police chief, last week announced a hefty reward for the capture of the killers of Guy Malary, the justice minister, even though most believe he himself ordered his death. Papa Doc, enraged by *The Comedians*, successfully sued Greene in France for defamation but was awarded one franc. General Cedras, Colonel François and their cronies would receive little more.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Neo-Nazi farmers take food to Zulus

Johannesburg: Police and Zulu township dwellers were amazed to find armed members of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement delivering food to the Kwesine hostel in troubled Katlehong township at the weekend (Ray Kennedy writes).

Sibusiso Zwane, secretary of the Zulu-based Inkatha movement in the township, said: "I can't believe the AWB brought that food in." The AWB farmers' wing said it acted because the Zulus were members of their new Freedom Alliance.

Meanwhile, Limpho Hani, the widow of Chris Hani, the communist leader, and Rose Biehl, the mother of Amy Biehl, the US exchange student murdered in a Cape Town township, met to comfort each other.

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

At the helm

Nicosia: Omar Hassan al-Bashir, Sudan's military ruler since seizing power in June 1989, has been officially appointed as president. The ruling junta dissolved itself after making the appointment, state radio said. *(Reuter)*

Aziz treatment

Paris: Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi deputy prime minister, has been admitted here for treatment "with the agreement of the authorities", the foreign ministry said. France broke off ties with Iraq after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait. *(Reuter)*

Ferry toll rises

Seoul: Divers found 89 more bodies inside a ferry that sank off South Korea a week ago, bringing the death toll to 281. It was the worst ferry disaster here in two decades. *(Reuter)*

Bardot appeal

Trenton: Brigitte Bardot has asked New Jersey state to save Taro, the dog on death row for injuring a girl, ten. Its owners, her grandparents, have filed a second appeal. *(AP)*

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Amid recriminations over Somalia mission, US refuses to provide Boutros Ghali security

Americans try to keep UN chief out of Mogadishu

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

Warrant Officer Michael Durant, the injured US helicopter pilot whose capture and videotaping by Somali rebels caused a wave of sympathy in America, returned to his home base at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to a hero's welcome by his regiment and friends (Wolfgang Münchau writes). The loudest cheers came when his commander promised "to get you back in your cockpit".

AMERICA, after a sharp deterioration in relations, is trying to prevent Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, from visiting Somalia. Washington fears that the UN chief, who was met by stone-throwing demonstrators during his last visit to Mogadishu in January, will disrupt the recent American initiative to re-establish peace with General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the factional leader.

UN officials say the Clinton administration has informed the secretary-general that it does not want to be responsible for his security in the lawless Somali capital. But Dr Boutros Ghali, who is known for his stubbornness, has so far refused to cancel a stopover in Somalia during his current tour of Africa.

The row comes in the midst of mutual recrimination between Washington and the UN over the reorientation of the mission in Somalia and the collapse of the UN operation in Haiti. Dr Boutros Ghali was infuriated by Washington's decision to abandon the manhunt for General Aidid and to launch its own peace initiative in Somalia with its own special envoy, Robert Oakley.

Followers of the general demonstrated in Mogadishu yesterday against Dr Boutros Ghali's visit, accusing the former Egyptian foreign minister of favouring other clans and refusing to halt the search for their fugitive leader.

"Boutros Ghali has bombed us and murdered us, we don't want him here!" screamed one of the general's aides through a loudspeaker from the balcony of a ruined building. The protesters also demanded the release of scores of General Aidid's aides detained by UN forces.

Volker Rühe, the German defence minister, said in a television interview yesterday that Bonn's contingent in the UN mission in Somalia may pull out of the country next April. He added that the German support unit of 1,700 soldiers would be reduced to some 400 to 500 men next month. Herr Rühe welcomed what he saw as a move by the UN to rethink the political objectives of the mission.

Alain Juppé, the French foreign minister, said yesterday that France may leave a few dozen peacekeeping troops in Somalia after withdrawing its main contingent to the UN force in January.

America's recent setback in Somalia clearly lay behind President Clinton's interview in *The Washington Post* yesterday on the need to rethink foreign policy. He said it "could take a couple of years" until Washington found a new policy framework, and he defended his administration's continued preoccupation with domestic issues, saying that America "ought to look inward now" after having spend decades trying to win the Cold War and "shoulder the burden of other countries".

Mr Clinton admitted to having made some mistakes, especially having failed to engage the American public in the foreign policy debate at an earlier stage.

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Somali women and children waiting outside a clinic in a Mogadishu suburb where American servicemen offered medical services at the weekend. Among ailments treated were diarrhoea and year-old gunshot wounds

UN planes take aid to starving Angola 'hell city'

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

UNITED Nations planes flew more aid yesterday to the besieged and starving Angolan city of Cuito, where children are dying and bodies have polluted river water. Up to 30,000 people are believed to have died in a nine-month onslaught by Unita rebels against what has become a "hell city".

UN officials hoped to arrange the evacuation of trapped Portuguese residents during a rare truce. Aid workers visited the central highlands on Friday for the first time since the siege began.

Robert Sanchez, of the World Food Programme, told the BBC: "It's apocalyptic. Everything has been destroyed. There are graves everywhere. Thirty to 40 children are dying every day. There is a lot of sickness. People are drinking from the river but there are so many dead bodies in the water it is unfit to drink."

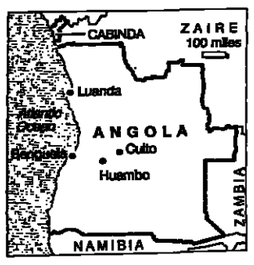
A food programme official in Luanda said the situation in Cuito was much worse than had been imagined. A first food shipment was flown in on Saturday. The programme was flying three more planeloads of food yesterday, the official said. "Both sides appear to be acting reasonably now so we are taking advantage of this rare opportunity," he said. "Hopefully they will continue to hold off fighting so we can help those in need."

Negotiations were under way with rebel and government authorities on evacuating an unknown number of Portuguese citizens, he said.

Cuito hospital was without medicine, running water and electricity. The streets were empty except for weaponry. Nearly every building has been hit by street fighting and heavy shelling during the battle, the fiercest since the civil war resumed a year ago.

The Angop state news agency reported that the government received 70 per cent of Saturday's aid and 30 per cent went to the rebels. Food programme officials said they were negotiating with both sides about resuming food aid to areas under Unita control, including Huambo, the rebel headquarters near Cuito.

Officials said that Unita forces still surrounded Cuito, the capital of Bie province, and held the western part. The government controlled the airport, centre and east.



US smoker loses custody of child

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A CALIFORNIAN woman has been ordered to surrender custody of her eight-year-old daughter because her smoking could be damaging the child's delicate health, according to the woman's non-smoking former husband.

Cigarette smoking has emerged as an important new factor in American child custody cases, a development welcomed by health officials but which civil rights campaigners say is an unconstitutional attempt to regulate private lives of citizens.

Judge Nancy Sweet, of the California supreme court in Sacramento, ruled that Susan Tanner, a 30-year-old nurse who reportedly smokes at least 20 cigarettes a day, should lose custody of her daughter, Elyse. The child's father, Steve Masone, had argued that his former wife's smoking was adversely affecting Elyse's asthma.

Mr Masone said that Elyse's breathing capacity was less than half the normal, and claimed her blood nicotine level, caused by passive smoking, was equivalent to the effect of smoking eight cigarettes daily. The couple have been fighting for custody since their divorce in 1987.

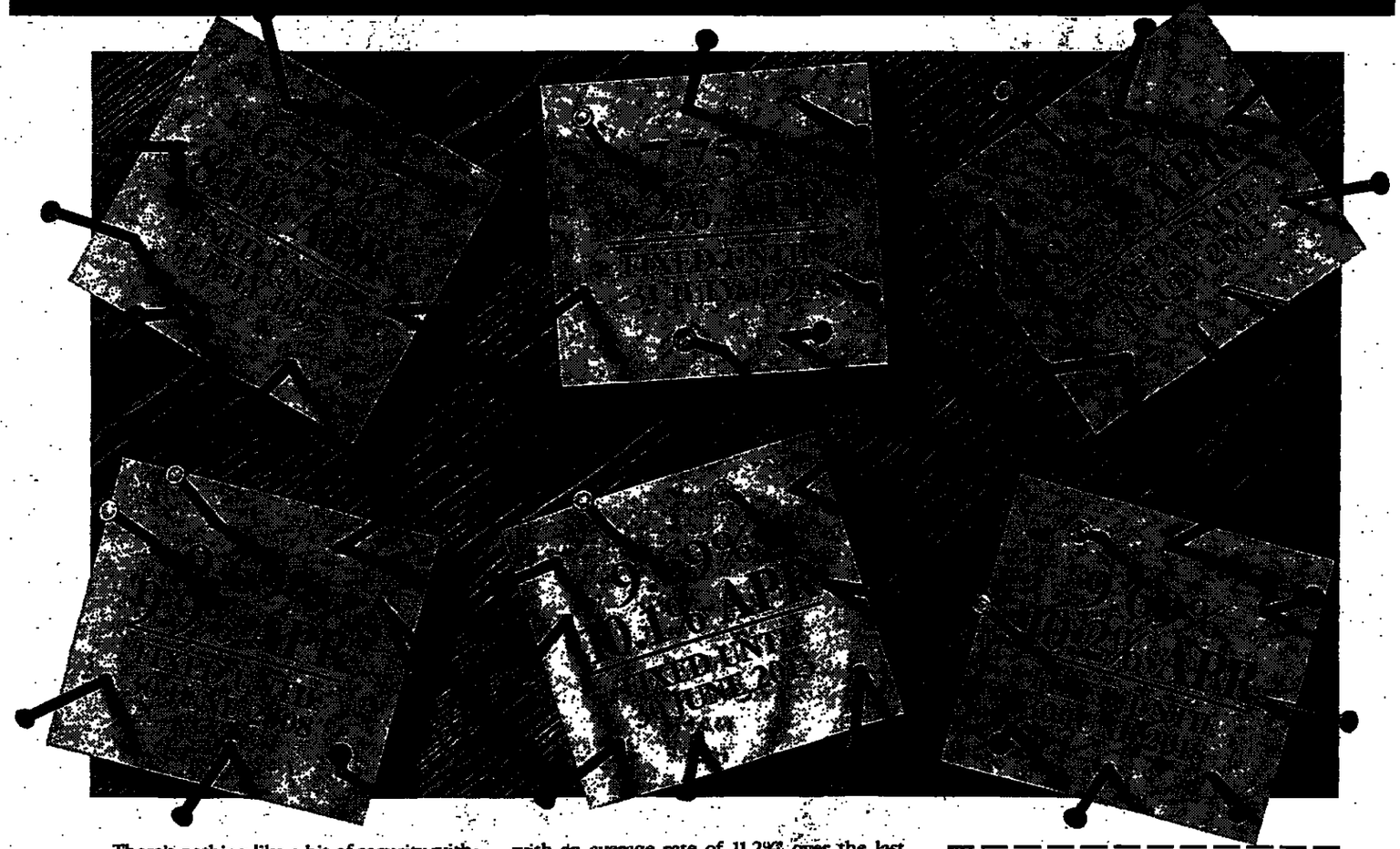
Ms Tanner denied smoking in front of the child and insisted the claim was a publicity stunt on the part of her former husband. The judge ordered that Elyse be temporarily placed with her paternal grandmother, pending a psychological evaluation of both parents.

A report by the federal Environmental Protection Agency last January has encouraged disputing parents in custody battles to cite smoking as a disqualifying factor, legal experts say. The agency reported that secondary smoke causes 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia, and 26,000 cases of asthma, in American children annually. The statistics have prompted some lawyers to argue that smoking in front of children shows a wilful disregard for their health.

In another Californian case, a woman is seeking a court order to stop her former husband from smoking near their daughters, neither of whom suffers from respiratory disease.

The lawyer for Clay Greene, the father, argues that the courts have no right to intervene since his client's smoking is a legal activity with no demonstrable adverse affect on his children. "The logical extension is that police should go into homes where parents smoke, whether or not they're divorcing." Mr Greene told *The New York Times*.

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A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.

Gaidar founds new party to campaign for Yeltsin

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

■ President Yeltsin cannot count on the united support of his allies. Two new movements have been launched with conflicting ideals and policies

REFORMIST supporters of President Yeltsin began their campaign for the December parliamentary elections this weekend with a congress to found a united movement, called optimistically Russia's Choice. Its programme is to be built around the slogan, "Freedom, Property, Legality".

In a sign of a split in the presidential camp, however, Sergei Shakhrai, the deputy prime minister, launched a rival political grouping, with the equally optimistic name of Russian Unity.

The state of emergency in Moscow ended last night, but important restrictions on the press and hardline opposition groups remain in force. In what some observers see as a significant piece of symbolism, the Russia's Choice congress was dominated by a picture of Peter the Great — the most famous of all Russia's Westernising reformers, but not necessarily a democrat.

The Russian Choice meeting was attended by most leading radical reformists and the organisers had hoped that Mr Yeltsin would attend, but Sergei Filatov, his chief of staff, apologised to the delegates, saying that the president could not identify with one political party, because he has to represent all Russians. Mr Filatov said that Mr Yeltsin expressed his sympathy for the new group and said it should form "the beginning of the consolidation of all democratic forces in Russia".

If it sticks together, Russia's Choice is likely to become the main and most reliable element of Mr Yeltsin's support in the new parliament, and a key factor in organising support for the president across the country. Addressing about 1,000 delegates who turned up at the meeting, Yegor Gaidar, the deputy prime minister and leading radical, said the aim should be to turn the bloc into a party, "a party of order, of democratic and market order". He emphasised the need for the pro-Yeltsin forces to pursue free-market reform. Mr Gaidar, who is expected to head the group's list of election candidates, promised early cuts in state subsidies to industry.

At the same meeting Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, and Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister, said that Mr Yeltsin should keep his post until the end of his term, which expires in 1996, rather than putting it to the vote.

The difficulties of creating organised and cohesive political blocs in Russia were re-emphasised during the convention by a clash between leaders of the Democratic Russia movement and other groups, with Democratic Russia demanding the right to run separate lists of candidates. Democratic Russia previously represented most of the reformist groups that brought Mr Yeltsin to power, but it has now been reduced to a rump. Its leaders bitterly resent the decision of Russia's Choice to establish itself in many regions without including or consulting them.

At the founding congress of Russian Unity in Novgorod, Mr Shakhrai said the new group could not join Russia's Choice because Russian Unity was opposed to economic shock therapy. He also clearly said the new group would represent the interests of Russia's regions at the centre.

Mr Shakhrai's relations with Mr Yeltsin have dimmed since the recent revolt and there have been rumours of his resignation. If Mr Shakhrai stays in the goverment, he will help slow down radical reform. If he leaves, he could become a leader of parliamentary and regional opposition.

☐ **Execution call:** One in five Muscovites wants the organisers of this month's bloody uprising in the Russian capital executed, a poll of 1,000 people published by Tass showed yesterday. *(Reuter)*



Two Cossack delegates casting votes yesterday during the second day of the founding congress of "Russia's Choice", a new political organisation aimed at gathering support for President Yeltsin and his reforms

Rebel raid cuts off Tbilisi link to Black Sea

BY ANATOL LIEVEN

REBEL Georgian forces yesterday began their long-awaited offensive against the regime of Eduard Shevardnadze, heralding an end to the conflict. The rebels are loyal to former president Zviad Gamsakhurdia, who was ousted in December 1991 by a military coup that brought Mr Shevardnadze to power.

Government officials in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, said the rebels seized the key western town of Samtredia in a surprise dawn raid yesterday, as well as the nearby town of Khoni. They said dozens of civilians and government troops were killed in Samtredia in the attack backed by tanks and the town had suffered heavy damage.

Government forces have now fled towards Kutaisi, Georgia's second city, 120 miles to the east.

Samtredia controls vital road and rail links between the last Black Sea port in government hands, Batumi, and Tbilisi. With Western grain shipments severely disrupted, there is a bread shortage in the capital. Western correspondents reported of fighting in bread queues.

Even if the rebels seize Kutaisi, it is unlikely that they will be able to fight all the way to Tbilisi. The main road passes through a tunnel, which government troops can block. Moreover, support for Mr Gamsakhurdia is concentrated in western Georgia, where his family originates. Most Georgians in the east are still opposed to restoring him to power.

The loss of Kutaisi would, however, put immense pressure on Mr Shevardnadze. It is now widely believed that he will have to resign in order to allow a compromise to be negotiated with the rebels.

The former Soviet foreign minister's prestige was severely hurt after his crushing defeat at the hands of Abkhazian separatists in Sukhumi. That defeat also destroyed most of Mr Shevardnadze's armed forces, giving the Gamsakhurdia loyalists a chance of military victory.

In an attempt to get Russian help to resist the rebels and shore up the tottering economy, Mr Shevardnadze earlier this month agreed to join the Russian-dominated Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), effectively placing Georgia under Russian hegemony. The move has alienated Georgian nationalists.



Serbs hope for skiing bonanza

FROM JOEL BRAND IN JAHORINA

WHILE the residents of Sarajevo await another brutal winter under siege with little food or heat, Serbs in this mountain ski resort within artillery range of the scarred Bosnian capital have something entirely different on their minds.

With nationalist pride and a surreal lack of culpability, they are expectantly repairing run-grooming snow-ploughs, cranking up chairlifts and filling the pool at the area's biggest hotel for the winter ski season and what they hope will be the "Serbian Republic's" first tourists.

"*Blagojevic. Republika Srpska*", the director of the Hotel Bistrica barked when meeting two foreign reporters recently, bringing his shoes together with a click.

After 18 months of war, the Bosnian Serbs have more or less finished carving out their self-proclaimed republic. In some areas they are still busily expelling resident non-Serbs, but in most others, like Jahorina, the process was completed long ago. Now, they are anxious to return to commercial life.

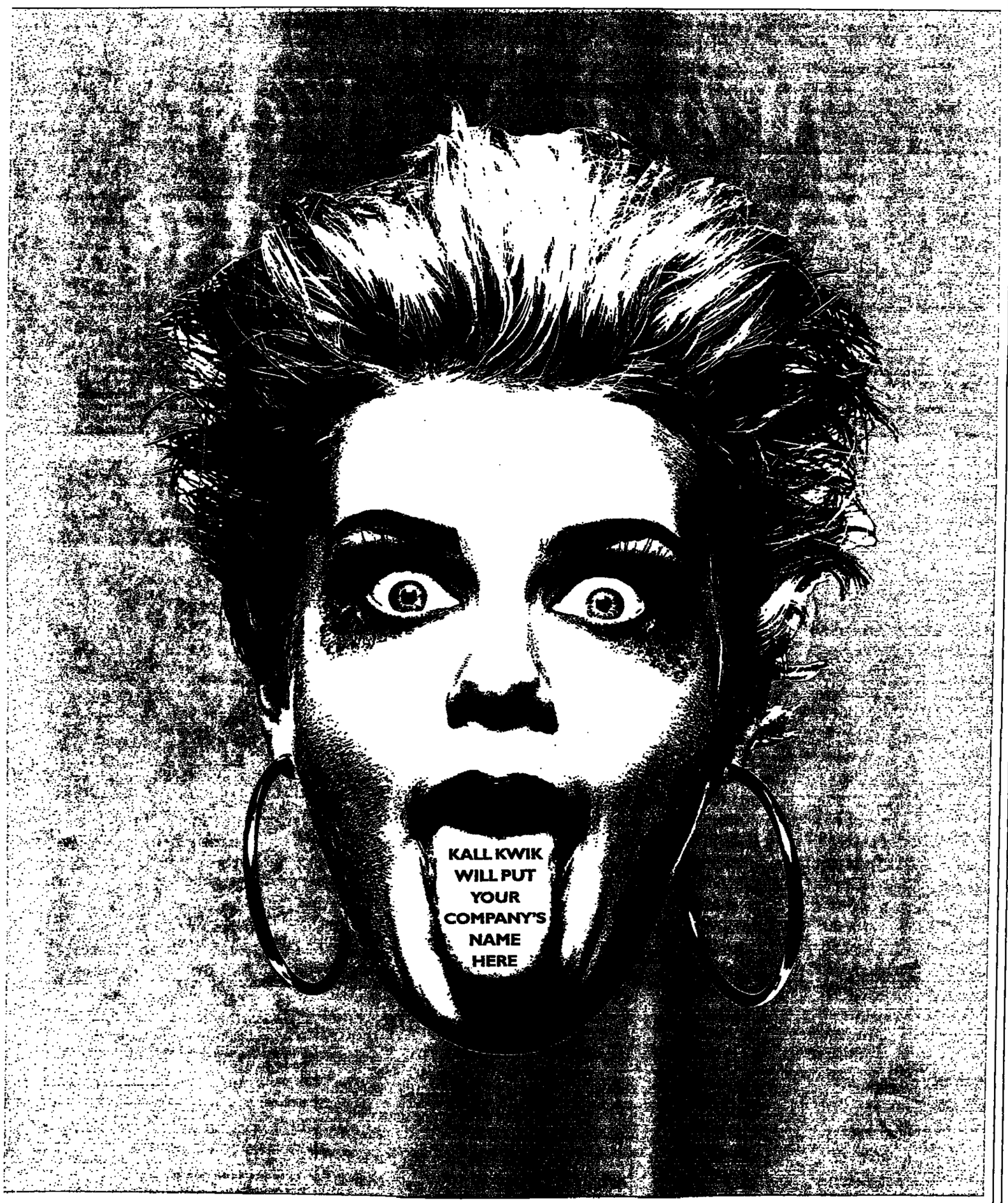
"Because of the war and Islamic fundamentalists, we have not been functioning properly for the past two years," said the manager, 39, a former biathelete, over coffee in the empty après-ski bar. A large picture window reveals a panoramic view to the east, with jagged ranges marching off into the distance. To the west, over the next mountain range, is Sarajevo. "Our primary concern was for the security of our potential guests. And the Serbian Republic's army has taken care of that," Mr Blagojevic said.

Mr Blagojevic claims that many Italian and Greek skiers would come to enjoy the uncrowded conditions and bargain prices at his 380-bed hotel.

"We would have had tourist activities here during the war, but because of the misinformation of the Western media, nobody came," he said, forgetting that for 300,000 civilians a half-hour's drive away, the war is not yet part of the past. Shelling resumed there as he spoke.

Before the war, many Sarajevans had dachas or small flats at Jahorina for skiing weekends. These are now occupied by families of Serb refugees.

☐ **Zagreb:** President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia led a purge of nationalist hardliners from the top echelons of the ruling party over the weekend, reaffirming his commitment to a negotiated peace with the country's rebel Serbs.



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Kohl faces defeat on choice for president

■ The choice of an outspoken right-wing candidate for next year's German presidential election has backfired on Helmut Kohl, the chancellor. A new nomination is likely

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY'S ruling Christian Democratic party prepared yesterday to shed its much criticised candidate for head of state and to strike a deal with the opposition Social Democrats to find a mutually acceptable president.

The dispute over the presidential candidate, Dr Steffen Heitmann, a conservative east German politician, is quickly turning into a leadership crisis for Helmut Kohl, the chancellor. Determined to maintain Christian Democratic influence in eastern Germany in next year's elections, Herr Kohl imposed the choice of Dr Heitmann on his party. He also promised a swift transfer of the German government from Bonn to Berlin.

Both these gambits are failing. The move to Berlin is envisaged only for the year 2000. Even this date may be in doubt because of the large costs involved. And Dr Heitmann — a virtual unknown before he was selected by Herr Kohl's talent spotters — is emerging as a fierce traditionalist who has aliented the liberal wing of the Christian Democrats (for crude comments about foreigners), the international Jewish community (for saying that Germany should now transcend its Nazi past) and women voters (for saying that the role of motherhood should be upgraded).

Fearful that the opposition to Dr Heitmann could turn into a party revolt against Herr Kohl, Wolfgang Schäuble, the Christian Democratic parliamentary leader, came up with a startling proposition at the weekend. If the Social Democrats gave up their candidate, Johannes Rau, the North Rhine Westphalian prime minister, the Christian Democrats would also consider withdrawing Dr Heitmann. The condition for such a standoff, said Dr Schäuble, would be that the joint candidate would come from eastern Germany.

The presidential election, made not by popular vote but by deputies from both houses of parliament, will be held in May.

Richard von Weizsäcker, the outgoing president, has constantly found ways of addressing social problems neglected by the government and in so doing helped to ease some of the pain and misunderstanding caused by unification. By contrast, Dr Heitmann's right-wing views do not seem calculated to create a new social consensus.

If Dr Schäuble's initiative is to be pursued, the Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats could agree on another east German candidate, Richard Schröder, a Social Democrat. If they do so, it will provide an important pointer for Herr Kohl's future, and for the likely alignment of political forces after next year's election. Increasingly, the Free Democrats, who recently lost all their seats in the Hamburg state elections, are becoming irrelevant to the political equation.

☐ **Anti-EC move**: Dr Manfred Brunner, one of the chief plaintiffs in the court case against the Maastricht treaty, is starting his own civic movement to continue the struggle against a tightly integrated Europe. The movement will put forward candidates for the European parliamentary elections in June.



War-game enthusiasts in the guise of Napoleonic artillery firing their cannon near Leipzig at the weekend as 1,000 members of traditional clubs re-enacted the battle of 1813 when the emperor was beaten by combined German, Russian and Austrian armies

Cypriots criticise royal visit

BY MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE QUEEN arrives in Cyprus today for the Commonwealth summit, the first ruling British monarch to visit the island since the 12th century, when Richard the Lion Heart came, saw and conquered. She will receive a courteous reception from President Clerides, but her welcome from the Greek Cypriot public will be indifferent at best.

The government has emphasised that the Queen is being received as the head of the 50 member Commonwealth, not of the United Kingdom. The royal visit has aroused blatant anti-British sentiment and revived bitter memories of the bloody anti-colonial struggle of the 1950s. A local opinion poll says most Cypriots oppose the queen receiving symbolic golden keys to Nicosia and Limassol.

French dissidents raise voices in support of transatlantic farm deal

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THROUGH the din of defiant rhetoric over the world trade accord, the French public is at last hearing there is another side to the "Gatt war" than the tale of valiant Gauls fighting nobly for justice against the greedy "Anglo-Saxons".

"It is hard to understand much any more about these Gatt accords," the commentator on the main television news said with a shrug. "But it is certain that France has much to lose through opposing the will of the world."

Within seconds, however, the screen switched back to familiar fare — angry men on tractors explaining how many hundreds of square kilometres they would be forced to put out of production if Washington gets its way. French embassies are warning the government of a plunge in the country's image and pointing to the big industrial contracts which could be lost.

Until last week, dissident views barely penetrated television, which for months has been passing on the populist preaching of the politicians, farmers and film-makers who depict Gatt as an alien force intent on strangling French agriculture and destroying Gallic identity with "dinosaurs, McDonalds and Mickey Mouse", as Jacques Toubon, the culture minister, puts it.



Chirac: railing against American dictaorship

However, as the government has faced the reality of isolation over the past week, a few voices have begun challenging the orthodoxy. Gérard Longuet, the foreign trade minister, has pointed out how small a part of the potential benefits agriculture represented.

The first real heresy has come from Patrick Devedjian, a Gaullist MP, who headed a parliamentary enquiry into Gatt and reported that there was nothing much wrong with the hated Blair House accord on farm exports between the European Community and the United States.

In the media, however, the only real challenge is coming from the left-wing press. After the failure of Brussels talks last week, *Libération* said France was hurtling headlong into a wall, all banners flying.

However, with popular sentiment still firmly in favour of "defending" France, no votes are to be gained from opposing the national consensus. Something of an unholy alliance is now pushing the normally moderate Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, to greater defiance. The socialists, no longer in power, are trying to force the government further out on to the protectionist limb from which it might fall.

On M Balladur's own side, the stakes are being raised by Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist party leader, who draws big financial support from the rich grain-growing farmers and wants the presidency in 1995.

M Chirac poured fresh oil onto the fire, saying any Gatt farm accord would mean handing America a dictatorship over world agriculture. "In the name of what principle can we allow a few rich countries to decide how many hectares we can plough or which animals we should rear?"

Italy spy boss held on bomb charges

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIAN media urged the disbanding of the intelligence service yesterday after a senior agent was arrested on charges of planting explosives on a crowded train.

Magistrates investigating the discovery of the device on the train at a Rome suburban station last month ordered the arrest of Augusto Maria Citanna, the head of the service's Genoa station, on charges of illegal possession and transport of explosives aimed at subverting democratic order.

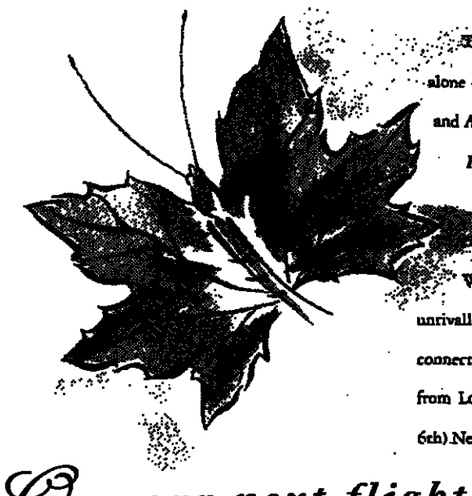
Two members of the Camorra, the Neapolitan mafia, who allegedly placed the explosive in a toilet of the Sicily-to-Turin train on orders of the "Ligurian 007", as Italian newspapers dubbed him, and an intelligence service informer, Rosario Allocca, also have been charged in the affair. The scandal has reinforced widespread suspicions that secret service men might have been behind a series of bomb outrages in Italy over the past 25 years.

Idro Montanelli, the editor of *Il Giornale* of Milan, yesterday called for the service to be disbanded. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, has already ordered the sacking of 700 intelligence operatives as part of a purge of agents linked to organised crime and far-right movements.

Signor Allocca tipped off the Carabinieri (paramilitary police) for whom he also worked, when the train was at Ostiense station in Rome. It was evacuated and the explosives found behind a ventilator in a toilet.

Luciano Violante, the head of the parliamentary anti-mafia commission, suggested the incident may have been set up at the request of the Camorra as part of organised crime's efforts to retaliate for recent anti-crime successes by the state.

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Spare me from a spiritual Fergie

She marched them up to the top of the hill — and for what?

Only to serve, once more, as a reminder of how not to behave



LIBBY PURVES

I am no cheap Fergie-basher; I have suffered grievous mockery in the past for defending her in print. It was exhilarating, as acrobatics always are. You could have billed it as a circus act: "They Said it Couldn't be Done — but alone and without a safety-net, the great Purvini fearlessly attempts to make a case for Sarah Ferguson! We must ask for total silence, as this trick can be fatal!". Indeed, this time round, following the lady's progress to Everest Base Camp, I am tempted to put it kindly and plead that the Duchess be given a medal, or a grant, for services to national morale.

Her effortless knack of doing things which are just that bit offkey provides a valuable service. How many bouncy lasses with flyaway hair and an uproarious sense of humour have taken a sudden sideways look at the public persona of the Duchess — as one might see one's flushed reflection in an unexpected mirror at a party — and calmed down their act a bit? How many hooray young matrons have been about to book their fifth holiday of the year when they were dissuaded by friends murmuring the F-word? How many of us has her tireless example preserved from injudicious bikinis, artless prattle, writing naff children's books or snogging on sun-loungers before the deserted marriage bed has cooled?

The most valuable piece of Fergosity so far, however, is the sermon on Mount Everest. The disgruntled and chilly band of royal hacks currently being marched up to the top of the hill and marched down again by the grand young duchess report that she has explained that they are all up there "to find themselves ... to find something spiritual". This follows an earlier announcement, after some years of stunningly public self-indulgence, that therapy had helped her "to stop being so hard on herself". Together, the pronouncements mark the moment when I finally joined the chorus of raspberries.

For the great curse of our age is people reckoning they have found "something spiritual", and brandishing it as if it were an Oscar. What is more, the world claps: whatever happened to the good-old inarticulate grunt with which we British used to greet such airy-fairy stuff? What became of "Brace up, old man, you're seeing things"? Or the spirit of Flora Poste in *Cold Comfort Farm* who warned the tousled Elfine that if she wants to be accepted by the County, she had better stop running barefoot across the moors? What happened to the nation of Nigel Molesworths, shrinking in wholesome horror from Fotherington-Thomas when he cried "Hello sky, hello trees"?

I sometimes think the only reason England turned out so many stunning lyric poets in the romantic period is that everyone else was so buttoned up. Now everyone goes on and on about their spiritual journey in the bus queue and the poets write depressing stuff about dead badgers and abortion clinics.

I don't know where the rot started. The Seventies, probably, with people smoking pot and babbling about how beautiful the pattern in the carpet had suddenly become. Or reading J.D. Salinger and trying to see Buddhist truths in multi-storey car parks. The situation has not been helped either by Christian churches where they speak in tongues, or the host of mass evangelists who exhort total strangers to step forward and sob for Jesus. Inspirational religion can lead to real faith, of course: but it can also peddle a cheap feel-good spirituality, unconnected to any intention to love your neighbour and lead a better life.

In the late 19[illegible] I interviewed the vicar of a happy church in a student city: he peeled off statistics of how many newcomers had "witnessed" on the last ten Sundays, but had no particular interest in finding out how many came a second time, or did anything measurably Christian in their lives. Up the road, as usual, less thrilling church organisations were carrying on feeding the hungry and looking after the sick, without offering bite-size oven-ready portions of spiritual release with every membership card.

But at least most preachers pay some lip-service to the idea of giving up sin. No such tedious duty is embraced by the crystal-gazing, rune-throwing, hand-laying, head-standing, prophets of the New Age. If you are even remotely of interest to the public, all you have to do is have your spiritual experience and rush straight round to *Hello!* magazine to talk it over. Never mind that you are still a self-indulgent neurotic pain in the neck: tell us how your Feng Shui meditation studio, personal mantra, isolation tank, rebirthing or colonic irrigation with essential oils has given you inner calm, and we will nod admiringly.

Of course, it may have done. People have always had intensely happy moments of insight into the meaning of life: they spring from prayer or poetry, love affairs or deathbeds, from exhaustion or dancing, from standing on cliffs over troubled seas at sunset or seeing apples in an attic by moonlight.

Sometimes they are sought and found deliberately through meditation; sometimes they are accidental and precious. They are moments to be hinted at, artistically and elliptically, in poems and novels and diaries and conversations with trusted friends. They are nothing new.

But there is something very modern about wearing them like conference badges saying Fly Me, I'm Spiritual! And I really didn't know how much the trend annoyed me, until Fergie sort of — well — crystallised it. You see how vital it is that she be preserved for the nation?

Betty Friedan presents an impassioned argument that old age is not a burden, but a blessing

Why do we need to grow old?



Betty Friedan became the mother of the 1960s women's liberation movement with her critique of sexual injustice, *The Feminine Mystique*. Thirty years later, now aged 72, she has turned her attention to the elderly. In this extract — the first of three — from her new book *The Fountain of Age* she begins to view old age not as a disability, but as an opportunity

Of all the millennia of life on earth, only the women and men now alive can expect to live between a third and a half of their lives after they have reproduced. It is only in this century that our life expectancy has moved from 46 to nearly 80 years, and the fastest-growing part of the population is now people aged over 80.

But instead of looking at age as a new, evolving stage of life, as an open-ended development uniquely ours to define, we are obsessed with the problem of age and how to avoid it, through diet, exercise, chemical formulas, plastic surgery, moisturising creams, psychological defences, and outright denial — as early and as long as possible.

And there seems to be a growing impatience for some final solution to that problem — before the multiplying numbers of unproductive, dependent older people place an "intolerable burden" on their families and society. For, if age itself is defined as "problem", then those over 65 who can no longer "pass" as young are its carriers and must be quarantined lest they contaminate the rest of society.

The increasing attention paid to nursing homes by media and politicians assumes increasing acceptance of the nursing home as an appropriate answer to "What shall we do about mother?". And such an assumption spreads the "final solution" mentality. But wait. This is the point where the division opens up between image and reality.

When I looked at the evidence, I was amazed to learn that only 5 per cent of Americans over 65 are, in fact, in nursing homes, and less than 10 per cent will ever be.

Or consider the common dread — fed by media sensationalism — of irreversible senile dementia, Alzheimer's disease. In fact, only 5 per cent of people over 65 in America today suffer from this disease. And it *is* a disease, the experts now know, not the normal aging we must all anticipate. Why is such a preponderance of the research money and gerontologists' attention being devoted to a disease afflicting a relatively small percentage of the population over 65?

True, 60 per cent of those now in nursing homes are supposedly suffering from Alzheimer's. But little attention is paid to the fact that such incarceration often causes depression or other mental or physical deterioration that can be mistaken for senility. To base our main image of age on nursing homes is to endorse — and even make a self-fulfilling prophecy of — that terrifying image of incontinent, senile age.

The very creation of gerontology and geriatrics as fields of medical specialisation, and the multiplicity of "experts" and programmes they have spawned for the care of the infirm elderly, have fostered the aged-as-sick-dependent approach: compassionate ageism.

Why have gerontologists not looked seriously at abilities and qualities that may develop or emerge in women or men in later life and contemplated new possibilities for their use? Why is the political programming of age confined to proliferating care services that work towards increased dependence and segregation of the elderly, as opposed to the continued integration of people over 65 into roles in society.

There *is* evidence for another, strong and vital face of age. To take the most obvious example, the widely assumed decline in various capacities with age has turned out not to be universal and predictable — as it would be if it were biologically programmed.

The biological programming of growth seems to end with reproduction. But in our other physical functions and physiological processes studies reveal that deterioration is not necessarily uniform or progressive. In men or women, aging in their own communities, in recent decades, decline seems to take place much more variously and later and later in life, and much of it can be reversed. After 60, people's capacities, and their impairment, seem to depend on their particular environments, changes in society, and their own individual choices and patterns even more than does earlier development.

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of aging is the physical deterioration of the brain — again inevitable, according to some experts. But in my search I discovered evidence from other experts that seemed to prove the opposite. Contrary to received wisdom, recent studies do not show declines with age in intelligence, cognitive skills or even memory. Is it possible that we might control mental development in age as much as, or more than, we have already begun to control physical decline?

During the last several years, as people have changed their diets to include more vegetables, fish and chicken instead of red meat, and jogging and exercise classes have become a way of life, there has been a dramatic decline in heart attack rates. Experimental studies on the effects of exercise in increasing bone density have shown it is also possible to reverse osteoporosis.

But even if we exercise and diet and stop smoking and drinking and our arteries remain unclogged and our muscles firm, how can we deny the inevitable mental deterioration as our brains begin to shrink and we lose all those brain cells with every year of advancing age? For we learnt early in science that the nerve cells in the outer layers of the brain, the cerebral cortex, cannot divide after birth, and do not replace themselves, and that we lose 100,000 nerve cells a day after the age of 30.

In fact, recent experiments have shown that normal, healthy brains do not necessarily lose nerve cells with age. The brain and its neurons may shrink in dimension from loss of the dendrites connecting brain cells with each other; but even in late age, the brain can develop new dendrites under conditions that stimulate growth.

It is essential to challenge many of the myths about the aging human brain. For example, where did the statistics come from that we are losing 100,000 nerve cells a day after the age of 30? In 1955, one investigator estimated that the loss of nerve cells in the human cortex between 20 and 80 years of age was about 3 per cent. Then, another scientist found a 10 per cent decrease on the surface area of the brain between 20 and 76 years of age. Finally, a third individual, by using these data, calculated that the daily cell loss is 100,000. One of these scientists, however, has recently acknowledged that these data are inaccurate, because no account was taken of the many variables involved in altering brain structures, such as nutrition, illness, physical and mental activity.

What if those years after 50 are, rather, an additional stage of development? Regression is possible, but so is further growth. If one applies to age the new knowledge of the non-linear, dynamic nature of development — of the brain, the biological organism, and of the self — it becomes clear that development can continue, with losses, gains, reorganisation, depending on what one's environment permits and what one chooses to do.

To make a leap here, I would suggest that the extreme variability found in age — people from 60 until just before death are more different from each other than at any other time in life — shows that the process of *individuation*, becoming more oneself, which studies of male development discerned at 45, and which I found so striking in my own interviews of women and men at 65, 70 and 80, shapes our third age uniquely, unless we succumb, in stagnation or denial, to the self-fulfilling prophecy of age as decline and despair.

> 'The more we seek to define age as a problem, the worse the problem will become'

What are we doing to ourselves — and to our society — by denying age? (Peter Pan and Dorian Gray found it hell staying "forever young".) Could it be that age, in fact, may offer the opportunity to develop values and abilities, for each of us and for society, that are not visible or fully realised in youth?

In fact, the more we seek the fountain of perpetual youth and go on denying age, and defining age itself as "problem", that "problem" will only get worse. For we will never know what we could be, and we will not organise in our maturity to break through the barriers that keep us from using our evolving gifts in society, or demand the structures we need to nourish them.

I think it is time we started searching for the fountain of age, time that we stopped denying our growing older, and looked at the actuality of our own experience, and that of other women and men who have gone to a new place in their sixties, seventies, eighties. It is time to look at age on its own terms, and to put names on its values and strengths as they are actually experienced, breaking through the definition of age solely as deterioration or decline from youth. Only then will we see that the problem is not age itself, to be denied or warded off as long as possible: that the problem is not those increasing numbers of people living beyond 65. Nor is the basic political problem the burden on society of those forced into deterioration, second childhood, even senility.

The problem is not how we can stay young forever, personally — or avoid facing society's problems politically by shifting them on to age. The problem is, first of all, how to break through the cocoon of our illusory youth and risk a new stage in life, where there are no prescribed role models to follow, no guideposts, no rigid rules or visible rewards, to step out into the true existential unknown of these new years of life now open to us, and to find our own terms for living it.

This is not to deny genuine problems of people over 65 — problems of food, housing, economic support, intimacy, medical care, purpose, and respect — but we can only deal with those once we have stopped defining age itself, the aged themselves, as the problem. Only then can we stop the desperate pursuit of fountain-of-youth fantasies and gain some control over the realities of our own aging.

It was not easy to break through my own denial of age. Pangs of doubt, pain, and fear kept erupting, clouding a vision of new freedom that I glimpsed. But I began to sense, more and more surely from the experience of those who had already accepted that reality, that it is the affirmation of age on its own terms, the embrace of our own aging in its new reality, that enables us to face and deal with the genuine problems of forced retirement, divorce or renewal of 40 or 50-year marriages, widowhood, social denigration and dismissal, compassionate contempt in services and housing and health.

I started my quest for the fountain of age by simply looking for people who seemed to be "vitally aging" as compared with the image of deterioration and decline that seemed to be the norm. Not geniuses like Picasso or Casals or Einstein, but my own friends and neighbours, and women and men in other cities, who were facing the realities of aging with new and different patterns of purpose and intimacy.

Even though our society's dread of age, its dreary or blanked-out image of the aging seemed to deny their very existence, even with so many elements of society seeming to conspire to prevent them from continuing to use their human abilities after 65, I found that they were everywhere.

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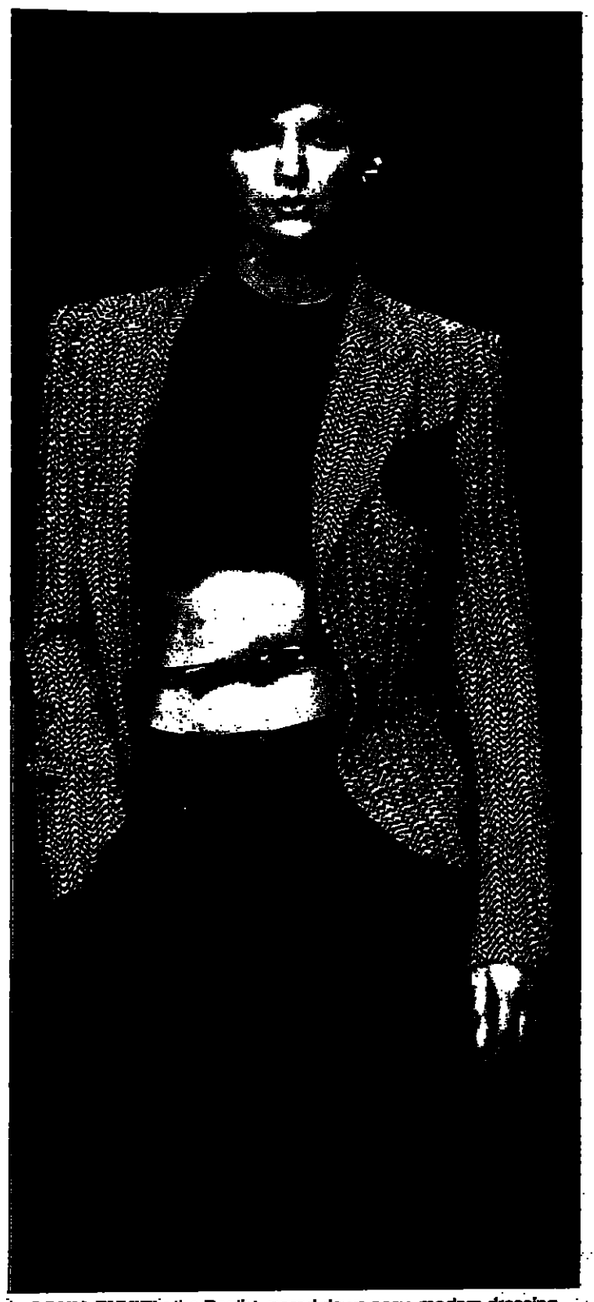
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Old takes on new in a catwalk battle



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Gianfranco Ferre may have a strong handwriting on his collection for Dior, but his hand now moves with more sensitive strokes. His trouser suits are knitted, and flow where once they would have stood stiffly to attention. Valentino's models positively fluttered down the catwalk in a haze of georgette and lace, slashed to oblivion. By far the greatest reawakening of the week was that of Sonia Rykiel. Her collection was a pared down exercise in easy, modern dressing, sending out all the right messages, and emerging as one of the strongest collections from either category.

There will always be those who cannot be categorised. Karl Lagerfeld is one such designer. Although his work for Chanel is at odds with the deconstructivist school, reeking of showy bourgeois values, he would no doubt like to consider himself an Intellectual. Unfortunately his earnest attempts at the avant-garde in Paris afforded him only pseudo-Intellectual status.

For what other reason, after all, would Lagerfeld send out some of the prettiest, most inoffensive suits (a jacket-come-coat, and a bra and high-waisted skirt which meet) to a soundtrack full of expletives? Methinks he doth try too hard.

Three designers (who all began their careers on the cutting edge of the avant-garde) bridged the gap between the two camps, with breathtaking results. Vivienne Westwood, John Galliano and Jean-Paul Gaultier all produced beautifully elegant collections which, stripped of the side-slapping styling, still managed to offer exquisitely articulate clothes.

Each has remained faithful to their idiosyncratic vision of what fashion can be. These are the really rare designers. Their message is simple. Be true to yourself.

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COMME DES GARCONS: the intellectual, tearing up bourgeois values



YOHJI YAMAMOTO



KOJI TATSUNO



ANN DEMEULEMEESTER



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● PUNK hair styles were much in evidence during last week's shows. Fashion's hippest and hottest, notably photographer David Sims, stylist Anna Cockburn and models Emma Balfour and Nadja Auermann, displayed tresses bleached snowy white. "Bad girl" model Cristina tore off her brunette wig to expose a (real) cropped mohican during Jean Colonna's fashion presentation.

● THE PEA coat, a fashion classic, this season cut a dash with fashion editors on the international circuit. Worn by young and old, male and female, the double-breasted navy sailor's coat, much talked about in recent months, was out in force. Some wore it with miniskirts or tailored pants while others mixed it with sneakers and satin trousers.

● THERE was once a time when a Chanel handbag was *de rigueur*. Since then fashion has been turned on its head, the once-glamorous, quilted accessory now looks out of place against a sea of ragged hems and inside-out seaming. But the owners are refusing to give them up and the bags are still chained to their sides.

● WHEN Anna Wintour, editor in chief of American *Vogue*, hosted a party to celebrate photographer Ellen Von Unworth's new exhibition "Girls, girls, girls", she chose to wear the hottest thing available: a bias-cut slip dress from designer John Galliano's latest collection shown the evening before.

● OU EST Linda? Over the week of continous shows one famous face was missing. Where was supermodel Linda Evangelista? Nobody could say.

RACHEL COLLINS

Here was the meeting of the two extremes: the Realists versus the Intellectuals

With each new season the ravine between the two camps gets deeper and wider, and the followers of each school become more vocal. The fans of the Intellectuals sneer with disdain at the Realists. "Beyond dull," they sniff. "He should be banned from designing such dreary rubbish." On the other side of the fashion fence the die-hard followers of the Realist school are equally raucous. "Who would wear it?" they ask rhetorically.

These are the two worlds fashion now inhabits, yet they are worlds apart. Particularly this season.

The loudest cheers and the sweetest eulogies belonged to the Intellectuals, more often referred to as the Deconstructivists. This movement has been providing the ground swell for several seasons: Martin Margiela, Ann Demeulemeester, Helmut Lang, Jean Colonna, Koji Tatsuno, along with the original dynamic duo, Yohji Yamamoto and Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons. These are the designers who are tearing down the bourgeois values of fashion by ripping apart the very clothes they design. The irony being that as their movement has gathered momentum and gained interest, so their designs hang in the uptown boutiques, in most cases bearing price tags as sizeable as their conservative counterparts.

It is the Intellectuals who have become fashion's favourites, winning the hearts of the critics, and deservedly so. Their purpose has been to take fashion in a new direction, to destroy accepted motifs of glamour and beauty, and to replace them with what they believe to be a more realistic vision. For the most part they are young, and view the world through innocent eyes. They see the world falling apart around them and attempt to mirror this in their work. They are angry young things. Their models have angry young faces.

Such a vision has a vibrant message. Fashion can be for everyone, for anyone. Of course, not everyone may want to wear a sweater made from old pairs of socks (the heels making perfect elbows) by Martin Margiela. Or another of his blouses which is little more than world-weary silk scarves given a new lease of life with equal helpings of dye and imagination. But such inventiveness moves fashion forward and refocuses it.

What then, you must be wondering, do the Realists have to offer? Should we not roll in the turnbrels and whisk them off to the guillotine? Metaphorically speaking, that is exactly what happened in Paris last week, with critics, for the most part, turning on the more traditional houses. The blinkered dismissal of the less daring designers was as desperate and devoid of compassion. It may have been a bloodless revolution, but their words cut as deep as any razor-edged blade.

Sadly, critics are keen to discover a message. They stare long and hard at the clothes. Perhaps a little too hard. In the same way that it is rare to find a film critic, or restaurant reviewer who is happy simply to say, "I enjoyed that", so a critique of fashion somehow demands that we look below the surface of the fabric and pick between the seams.

And yet, of course, there were many enjoyable clothes offered up by the Realist school of designers, with many of them moving in the right direction, touched by the work of their would-be opposition. Even those who had long been left for dead.

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Matthew Parris



■ Why should the face of a gentle fellow, bearing ill will to nobody, set children and animals to flight?

Does your face scare babies or cats? I ask because I have become aware that mine does. My anxieties are mounting after a disturbing incident this weekend. To that in a moment.

That particular faces might inspire unusual dread in children occurred to me first when I worked in the office of the leader of the Opposition. It was 1977. I was employed by the Conservative research department, but its young director, Chris Patten, had seconded me to Mrs Thatcher's office. No doubt he wished to send her someone whose talents he thought she deserved. My job was to answer her letters from the general public.

Of these there were many — about a thousand a week. It was the period during which public interest in what seemed to be a new and confident Conservative philosophy was growing, and I would often ask our leader her advice on how best to reply. I recall a letter from a recently bereaved gentleman enquiring bluntly whether she believed in the life hereafter. Her reply was oddly indirect: "Christians believe in the immortality of the human soul, and I am a Christian."

> 'When I looked at them, they ran to their mothers or began to cry'

But there was one letter which her private secretary, Richard Ryder, and I, decided not to show her. A lady had written from Wales. She and her family had watched a Tory party political broadcast. It had featured (she said) a shot of William Whitelaw's head.

"I am sure Mr Whitelaw is a very clever man, but unfortunately he gives my children nightmares," she wrote. "I think it is something about his face." Her little ones had been waking screaming in the night, ever since. "If Mr Whitelaw is to be on television again, could you arrange for it to be very late at night, when the children will not be watching?"

I cannot remember what we replied; probably we just thanked her on Mrs Thatcher's behalf for her comments. But the letter struck me forcibly because I had begun to notice that I, too, was frightening to children.

And cats. Ever since boyhood, mine has been the lap that cats choose not to sit on. This is sad, as I like cats. Many is the time I've arrived at a household where I had not been before, spotted a fluffy-looking cat, reached out to stroke it, and been rewarded with a hiss, raised fur on the neck, and (more than once) a sharp nip. Then the cat runs off, often not returning for hours. In one case the animal never returned. What am I doing wrong? Experience suggests that it is when I look the cat in the eye that some kind of horror seems to grip it.

Eventually I became resigned to this. But then, as an adolescent, it became noticeable that babies and small children were reacting to me in the same way. When I looked at them, they ran to their mothers or began to cry. On meeting my Aunt Christine's little girl Catherine for the first time, the infant dived straight behind the sofa and crouched there whimpering "Mummy, what's that?" It knocks a fellow's self-confidence. That I might be an object of terror to anything except dachshunds, dismays me.

My niece Tamsin, an imaginative child who dreams up plays and stories, is braver. From the age of five she has actually liked me scaring her. My role (she implores me to play it) is to fix her with an impassive stare, making a low growling sound, and then suddenly to flash my eyes, roar, bare my teeth and lunge at her. She runs from the room screaming with terror. When she returns, glancing excitedly sidelong in my direction, I have to pretend not to see her — then suddenly catch her eye from the corner of mine, leap, pounce, and allow her narrowly to escape. It can go on all evening.

What is it, then, that children and cats can sense? I am a gentle chap, bearing unusual ill-will to nothing and nobody except dachshunds. But once, when, as a student in America, I experimented with LSD, I caught my own eye in a mirror and was transfixed with a sort of horror. I knew rationally, of course, that the reaction was foolish, but I felt that some kind of devil was looking at me. Never since have I quite been able to stare at myself without remembering this.

And then there was yesterday. My friend Mara has come to live at my house in Derbyshire. She brought her cat, a lovely but shy tortoiseshell called Tessa. Arriving from London this weekend, I walked up the stairs, catching Tessa unawares in the bedroom corridor. She scampered away into my own bedroom. But that was where I was going, too. I walked through the door. Tessa jumped onto the window sill. She stood, frozen, looking at me with an expression of absolute horror. I stood in the doorway, looking back at her. There was no escape. For an instant she hesitated. Then she jumped. Straight out of the first-floor window, into space. Seconds later I heard a thump as she hit the ground. I ran to the window, but she was gone.

She has come back now. She is unhurt. But there is only one way we are going to be able to live together, Tessa and I: and that is if I never, ever, look at her. As I say, it dents a chap's self-confidence.

Talk of peace rings hollow in a country that is being driven ever closer to cataclysm

When South Africa's tribes go to war

William Rees-Mogg

The award of the Nobel peace prize to President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela makes many of us feel uneasy. It is not that they do not deserve it: what they have already achieved can be regarded as heroic. The fear is that the award is premature, that even in a few months' time it may seem bitterly ironic.

The South African problem has not been resolved: the first fully democratic election is promised for next April; no one can be sure what the result will be, let alone the reaction to the result. Last week Mr de Klerk was quoted as saying that the world had stopped looking at South Africa through racist eyes. "I don't think black and white is important any more." There is only one sense in which that is even remotely true. The division between the white and black tribes of South Africa is now overshadowed by the division between different black tribes. If "black and white" has become less important it is largely because "ANC and Zulu" has become much more important.

It is a long time since I have been in South Africa, but I have friends there, and in the past few weeks several of them have called on me in London. They are not a representative sample, since they all come from the English-speaking white tribe, and are engaged in business of one sort or another. Nevertheless, they all say much the same thing, and it is deeply disturbing.

The first point they make is that there has been a complete collapse of business confidence. South African businessmen would like to get their existing investments out, and would not dream of bringing more capital in. Unemployment is high and rising. This has produced a new underclass of poor whites, while many other whites are thinking of emigrating, even at great loss. Up to seven million blacks are living in the shanty towns which surround the big cities; many young blacks lost their education in the disturbed conditions of the 1980s, and are virtually unemployable.

In some areas the housing market has ceased to function: there are no buyers. One couple, who have decided to move to Britain, have already left their comfortable home in the suburbs of Johannesburg, and have no expectation that they will be able to sell it at any price. They moved to a new house in a secure environment; such housing schemes have been the only active market for the building industry. Unless there is a sustained rise in the gold price, these business people can see no reason why the South African economy should not continue to get worse.

All of them emphasised the rise in crime, and the fear they have of being attacked or murdered. One of them always carries a gun in his car, and has had to shoot his way out of trouble. "That's no surprise," another of them remarked. "We've been lucky; we've been robbed, but we've not been attacked," is yet another comment. South Africa is said to have 40,000 murders a year, but that is only a rough estimate. Many of these murders occur in tribal fighting between Zulus and supporters of the African National Congress.

The strength of the Zulu tribe is the basis of all my friends' analysis. It is difficult to be sure if their judgment is right, but they are entirely unanimous. The Zulus, they say, will never accept a subordinate position in a black-run South Africa. They regard the Zulus as the naturally dominant black tribe, the toughest, the most ruthless, the most strongly represented in the army and the police. "If there is a civil war, the Zulus will win it," says one. "You do not need to worry about Inkatha and Chief Buthelezi," says another. "It is the King [Goodwill Zwelithini] who will decide, and all Zulus are loyal to him." The massacres which have already occurred have pushed many of those Zulus who had been partially detribalised back towards their tribal loyalties.

This view does not come from people who are particularly conservative; they are far more likely to leave South Africa than to join any white conservative movement. They are convinced that the days of white dominance are over, but they do not believe that the question of ANC or Zulu dominance has been settled, or could conceivably be settled by a general election and one man one vote. Their analysis also assesses the loyalty of the armed forces. They do not believe that the armed forces of South Africa would agree to suppress a Zulu rebellion at the behest of an ANC-dominated, but democratically elected, government.

They are convinced that the Zulus in the forces — who are strong in the non-commissioned ranks — would prove to be Zulus first; they also say that many white officers believe that the South African whites would have a better future under Zulu than under ANC rule, if that became the only alternative. They do not therefore think that an ANC government, if it came to power after next April, could assert its authority over the Zulus, in the areas where they are the majority tribe.

The South African whites whom I meet would certainly be in favour of a loose federal constitution, with each tribe, whether black, white or Coloured, having political control of those areas in which it is in the majority, but they see the difficulties. Such a federal scheme has been discredited by apartheid, which gave the whites the lion's share of power and wealth. It is totally opposed by the ANC, which wants South Africa to remain as a single state under its government. That would maintain the constitution of the union of South Africa, which Britain created for British purposes after the Boer War. Yet my friends fear that the Zulus and the ANC could go to war over such an irreconcilable constitutional difference.

I do not know whether they are right: plainly Mr de Klerk thinks that this view is too pessimistic, and it remains deeply unfashionable in world opinion. Yet there are only too many African parallels. The war in Angola was not settled by a general election; Jonas Savimbi is not a democrat who is content to wait for the next election to bring him to power. He is a tribal leader who cannot accept the dominance of other tribes. He is a democrat only in the sense that he represents the majority opinion of his own tribe.

It is not a question for Africa only. The war in Bosnia is just such a tribal dispute. Once the massacres start — and in South Africa they have already started — people feel that loyalty to their own tribe offers the only security. They feel that in Belfast, let alone in Bosnia or Angola.

People's worst anxieties do not always come true. Yet these fears contrast with excessive expectations for South Africa which must be dangerous. Among the blacks there is the expectation that black rule will solve their economic problems. It will not. Among politicians, inside and outside South Africa, there is a belief that the abdication of white power will settle the succession in terms of black power. It will not. The Nobel prize committee obviously thinks that peace has been achieved. It has not. Perhaps when they can give a peace prize to Dr Buthelezi as well, that will really mean that South Africa is at peace.

The underselling of Thatcher

Something has been lost in the memoirs, says **Peter Riddell**



Don't be misled by the leaks and extracts. Margaret Thatcher has produced a book of substance, as well as weight. If the pre-publication speculation and froth have not enhanced her reputation, the contents should shift the focus from her bitterness over her departure to deeper questions about her record in office: what difference did she make?

The Downing Street Years is an uneven read. She writes vividly, for instance, about the Falklands crisis, relations with Washington (where she is not starry-eyed) and her desire to slow German unification. She also offers several striking, and memorable, character sketches of cabinet colleagues and foreign leaders such as Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev. The distinction between "one of us" and the old "wets" has seldom been more sharply drawn than in her description of James Prior as an example of a "false squire" type who had damaged the postwar Tory party. "They have all the outward show of a John Bull — ruddy face, white hair, bluff manner — but inwardly they are political calculators who see the task of Conservatives as one of retreating gracefully before the left's inevitable advance."

But there are also less digestible passages. Baroness Thatcher is determined to cram everything possible into the 914 pages, and an awful lot happened from May 1979 until November 1990. There is a sense at times of an expanded official diary: a Thatcherised *Annual Register*. No reader will be able to complain that any of the dozens of summits she attended in the period are neglected. So while the book avoids the bland monotony of the Eden and Macmillan memoirs, it is no rival in literary merit to the elegant autobiographies of Denis Healey or Roy Jenkins.

For all the, duly acknowledged, efforts of her assistants, Robin Harris and John O'Sullivan, the book reflects its author's singlemindedness. It is all business with little reflection. At the end, when she leaves Ten Downing Street, there is no discussion of her achievements in office. We are left with details of individual battles, but not the general's assessment of the overall campaign.

The general may, curiously, be underselling herself. The book underlines how much has changed since the late 1970s when Britain was "a nation that had had the stuffing knocked out of it". While disclaiming any comparison with Chatham as presumptuous, she admits that her exhilaration at winning office in 1979 came from a conviction similar to the one he expressed: "I know that I can save this country and that no one else can." That accounts for both her strengths and her weaknesses.

The economic and industrial policies of the Wilson/Heath/Callaghan era finally broke down by the late 1970s. But that did not mean there was immediate acceptance of an approach based on free markets, less government intervention and a reduction in union power. Battles had to be fought, and winning took until the mid-1980s. The book brings back like an old newsreel film the largely forgotten arguments over the pace of trade union legislation, the British Steel strike, subsidies for British Leyland and the coal industry.

The outcomes were not predetermined, and her interventions made a difference in stiffening the resolve of cabinet colleagues. In this period she had a clear view of strategic goals, even when she had to make tactical retreats on the way. The enemy is often portrayed as the "wets" in her cabinet, always urging caution, rather than outside forces. The account of the arguments during 1981 over economic strategy are particularly revealing. By the summer, "it was quite clear to me that a major reshuffle was needed if our economic policy were to continue, and perhaps if I were to remain prime minister". The Labour party barely receives a mention. Neil Kinnock is brutally dismissed: "As Opposition leader he was out of his depth. As prime minister he would have been sunk."

Similarly, Lady Thatcher played a key role during both the Falklands crisis and the coal strike of 1984-85. Other leaders might have compromised. She is frank, for example, about her mistrust of the attempts by Francis Pym and Al Haig to reach a peaceful agreement with Argentina. Her view seems to have been set even before the islands had been invaded. After John Nott had given the Ministry of Defence's view that the Falklands could not be retaken, Sir Henry Leach, chief of the naval staff, explained how he could put together a task force to retake the islands. "Before this, I had been outraged and determined. Now my outrage and determination were matched by a sense of relief and confidence." She was equally clear what was at stake in the miners' dispute. "What the strike's defeat established was that Britain could not be made ungovernable by the fascist left. Marxists wanted to defy the law of the land in order to defy the laws of economics."

This determination, her conviction politics, prevented her from understanding why she was so unpopular, why so many people (some sympathetic to her economic goals) were angry about the resulting social tensions. There is hardly any discussion of this side of the 1980s. Unemployment receives fewer references than monetary policy.

Throughout her years in power Lady Thatcher saw herself as the leader of a guerrilla band taking on the Establishment. She records how she had said "at the beginning of the government 'give me six strong men and true, and I will get through'. Very rarely did I have as many as six." She is not just scathing about the "wets" whom she defeated, particularly Ian Gilmour and, later, Malcolm Rifkind. She also fell out with many of her allies in the early battles: John Biffen, Nigel Lawson, Geoffrey Howe, and even, during the 1986-87 period, Norman Tebbit. Unqualified praise is offered only to Keith Joseph, Nicholas Ridley (whom she would have liked as chancellor), Kenneth Baker and younger MPs such as Michael Forsyth and Michael Portillo. She is restrained about John Major, the best available rather than the best choice.

Lady Thatcher was never really a conventional political leader, building up support and persuading. She sought to challenge and confront. British politics is very different as a result of her time in Downing Street. But crusades cannot last for ever. It is her personal tragedy that she did not, and, judging by this book, still does not, appreciate the inescapability of political mortality. That has tarnished her victory in so many battles.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

A capital ship

WITH defence cuts looming large, Britain's sea lords are taking no chances. They plan to build their own aircraft carrier with money raised from the private sector.

Not for the admirals an undignified plea for cash from the Treasury. No; led by Sir Benjamin Bathurst, the First Sea Lord, they are rattling the naval collecting tins among seafaring supporters in the City and industry. And such has been their success that the £2 million project to build a life-size replica of the deck of the carrier Ark Royal for the Fleet Air Arm Museum is already under way in an aircraft hangar in Yeovilton, Somerset. Captain Jim Flindell, director of the museum, says £1.2 million has been raised for the project.

Lord Lewin, Admiral of the Fleet and chairman of the trustees of the National Maritime Museum, is delighted. "It's a wonderful idea. There is nothing more exciting than the flight deck when you've got people trying to land. The adrenalin is really pumping."

Sir Donald Gosling, the joint chairman of National Car Parks, who joined the navy at 15 as a boy signalman and is a trustee of the Fleet Air Arm Museum, has donated £1 million to the project.

"He's nuts about the navy," says one admiral. "He used to take a day's shooting every year at Broadlands (Lord and Lady Romsey's Hampshire home), calling it Admirals' Day. But it became so popular that he had to take two days and call them Port and Starboard."



DIARY

● *Those who earlier this year wrote off the chance of another visit to England by Wilfred Thesiger, 83, the veteran explorer who lives in Kenya with the Samburu tribe, have been proved wrong. He appeared in good spirits at the Royal Geographical Society in London last week for the launch of* The Oxford Book of Exploration, *even if, asked for his views on England, he replied: "I hate it." He fully expects, however, to return next spring — for the launch of his next book,* My Kenya Days.

Just a tot

LITTLE wonder that Krug can toast its 150th anniversary this year with the self-assurance that it produces the best champagne in the world. For if any organisation subscribes to the philosophy of catching them young, this family-run champagne house is one.

It transpires that the first liquid drunk by any newborn member of the Krug family is the famous wine, which costs more than £50 a bottle. "Yes, a few drops on the lips always, before the baby has tasted its mother's milk," said Remi Krug, who runs the vineyard, at a celebration dinner held by Fortnum & Mason in London last week.

"I was born in the Alps because things were bad in Reims during the war. But my father brought some *Grand Cuvée* up to the mountains all the same. If you give something really good to a small child, they will learn about quality." Remi Krug's tipple at the age of seven was, incidentally, the incomparable 1928 vintage.

Traffic hell

LAMBETH PALACE is no longer prepared to put the lives of its visitors in the hands of the Almighty. Not, anyway, when it comes to the hazards of modern-day traffic. The palace has been pleading with Lambeth council for a zebra crossing outside its main gate, where pedestrians who cross the busy thoroughfare are in mortal danger. The council, one hears, is deliberating and will decide shortly.

While Archbishop Carey's office remains judiciously silent on the issue, past incumbents are strident in their views. "It's very necessary indeed," says Lord Coggan, archbishop for six years until 1980. "It's an absolute danger zone. If you come from Lambeth Bridge and try to cross there into the palace it's an appallingly dangerous place."

● *Organisers of the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews had taken extra precautions against John Daly, the burly American who played yesterday. Special mesh protection was put up at the new Practice Centre where panoramic windows were considered at risk from Daly's thundering drives — even though the centre is 340 yards from the tee. "With someone as powerful as him, you can't be too careful," explains a spokesman. Daly wasn't worried — he won.*

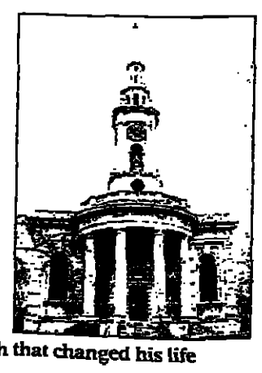
Aide-memoirs

BARONESS Thatcher is putting herself about for the sake of her book, and Paris can expect the full blast of her promotional efforts when she arrives in the French capital at the end of the month.

But the French may not provide her with the respectful welcome she has enjoyed elsewhere. She is, after all, dismissive of President Mitterrand in her memoirs as a man who would "probably be prepared to sacrifice national interests" for diplomatic success.

While much of her visit will be covered by France 3, the state channel, French television's most important literary critic, Bernard Pivot, has decided not to ask her on to his show on France 2 — even though the timing is perfect. The show goes out on October 29, a few hours after she plans to arrive in Paris.



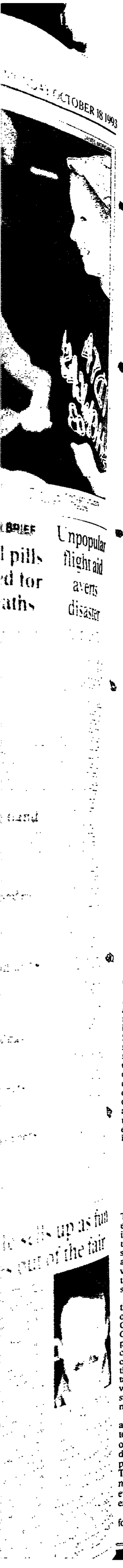


Wayne and the church that changed his life

Pauline conversion revisited

WHILE the home secretary and judiciary dispute prison reform, Deptford in south London is hosting a concert by a reformed prisoner. Peter Wayne, the armed robber so inspired by St Paul's church in Deptford while on the run that he gave up guns for architecture, is putting on a show in the church. It was on Christmas eve 1989 that Wayne found himself in the area, three days out of Dartmoor. He was miserable; it was raining. "Then I saw the church. I stood mesmerised by this great vessel of nobility." His freedom was curtailed by the flying squad, but from his new cell in Long Lartin he applied himself to the baroque architecture of Thomas Archer. Now released, he is studying at the Courtauld Institute and working on the show, a dramatised life, *Thomas Archer and the Pearl of Deptford*. "I will be beside myself with emotion, but I will try to keep it inside of me," he says. "It's the most stunning edifice south of the river."

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A TALE OF TWO MARCHES

Violence in the name of anti-racism will fuel bigotry

The two anti-racist marches held in London on Saturday symbolised two very different traditions of political demonstration in Britain. One, attended by 3,500 people, ended peacefully in the centre of the city with calls for an end to the fascist politics of far right groups such as the British National Party. The other, in Welling, south London, degenerated into bloody confrontation between police and aggressive protesters trying to reach the BNP's headquarters.

The ancient contrast between legitimate protest and disorder with a political pretext — the Jarrow marches versus the Gordon Riots — has not been so stark since the groundswell of opposition to the poll tax. Most shameful of all on a shameful day were the efforts of the march organisers to blame the police for the riot. Since the election of the ultra-nationalist candidate Derek Beackon as a councillor in Tower Hamlets last month, Scotland Yard has worked tirelessly to prevent just such a flaring of passions and invoked the Public Order Act on Saturday to prevent the anti-racist march reaching the BNP building.

It seems clear, however, that a group of extremists at the demonstration were determined that it should end in violence. Many arrived armed with weapons, including basic firebombs: others wore balaclavas as they hurled bricks at mounted police. The rioters' evident relish at the disorder could scarcely be more remote from the peaceful cause they claimed to be championing. Putting 19 police officers in hospital is no victory for anti-racism.

Most of the 50,000 members of the Anti-Nazi League are probably sincere opponents of racism. Yet many of those who take part its demonstrations seem more interested in causing mayhem than protesting against fascism. As last week's violence in Rotterdam showed, the determined hooligan will go out of his way not to miss the next outbreak of violence. Such events will always attract the despicable minority which is eager to see blood spilt.

But mere thuggishness will not explain Saturday's confrontation. The anti-racist groups have evidently fallen prey to well-organised far left groups which see disorder as a political end in itself. Like the French *casseurs* who attacked upmarket Parisian shops and the Baader-Meinhof gang which carried out a campaign of arbitrary attacks, this militant fringe seeks to subvert "capitalism" and the "established order" by any means necessary. Just as anarchists hijacked the Trafalgar Square demonstration against the poll tax in 1990, so they now appear to have infiltrated anti-racist groups. The violent disturbances which followed the murder of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence in April suggested that the far left was systematically exploiting racial tensions: that suspicion was only confirmed by Saturday's clashes.

Playing with violence always backfires. While the BNP has spitefully manipulated a very real but mostly unarticulated concern about racial issues, groups like the Anti-Nazi League merely discredit the opposite position by their actions. The spectacle of policemen under attack by young men bearing Socialist Workers Party banners is an appalling one for law-abiding people; in some parts of the country it may even be a recruiting sergeant for the far right.

Last month, the police arrested 57 suspected BNP members believed to be planning the disruption of a demonstration. Equally firm pre-emptive action is clearly needed to stop militant left troublemakers hijacking future protests, even if this means restricting rights of free assembly in a handful of cases. The remarks made by Paul Condon, the Metropolitan commissioner, on Saturday suggest he has an admirable grasp of the problem. His response deserves the support of all who appreciate that public order is the soil of a healthy political culture.

DUMPING NUCLEAR WASTE

The Russians cannot be allowed to continue polluting the seas

Few countries have yet grasped the scale of Russian irresponsibility over nuclear waste. Only a week after President Yeltsin agreed with the Japanese prime minister to begin an immediate investigation into the secret dumping by the Soviet authorities of nuclear waste in the seas off the Japanese coast, the Russian navy has been caught doing the same thing again. Greenpeace, to its great credit, has for months been shadowing a tanker and broke the news that yesterday it began pumping liquid waste directly into the stormy Sea of Japan. There was no attempt to contain the poison, no announcement, no public warning to shipping. Only after being caught by the vigilance of environmentalists and the outraged demand by the Japanese for an immediate halt did the Russians admit their actions, attempting to excuse them by saying the radiation level was low.

After Chernobyl, no one can afford to be complacent about the Russians' cavalier handling of their vast stock of military and civilian nuclear material. There have already been several other accidents and attempted cover-ups. Last year there was another near catastrophe in Tomsk, when a nuclear waste reprocessing plant exploded, blowing contamination across the nearby Siberian forests. More serious was the sinking in 1989 of the nuclear-powered submarine *Komsomolets* off the Norwegian coast. This decaying vessel is now leaking caesium and strontium. The torpedo's decaying casing is showing signs of corrosion: if plutonium leaks into the sea, it could cause an unparalleled ecological disaster. The Barents Sea is one of the world's richest fish breeding grounds: if plutonium enters the food chain, Europe's fishing industry will be ruined for years to come.

Johan Joergen Holst, the Norwegian foreign minister, has for some years been warning the West that it is not only his sparse and vulnerable country that is at risk. There are military installations all over the Kola peninsula, many of them with increasingly unstable nuclear elements. In an extraordinary break with past secrecy, the Russians admitted earlier this year that they have already dumped 16 reactors in the Arctic Ocean and two in the Sea of Japan, as well as 21,000 containers of nuclear waste of all types, ranging from relatively harmless vessels to spent fuel rods, the most deadly. The danger now is that in their attempt to comply with recent disarmament treaties the Russians will try to dump the reactors of the nuclear submarines they are obliged to scrap. If these follow the *Komsomolets* into the Barents Sea, far more damage will be done by disarmament than by keeping the ships in service.

Such a record is criminally negligent. Russia promised only last year to abide by the 1983 moratorium on the dumping of waste. President Yeltsin has received massive political backing for his reform policies from the West, and has only last week tried to cajole money from a reluctant Japan. To allow the continued dumping of nuclear waste off the shores of a country historically seared by the hideous damage caused by radiation is crass political stupidity. The West has a right to demand that in return for its support, Mr Yeltsin pursue a responsible nuclear policy, even if this involves more Western money to clean up the communists' nuclear mess. The Russians have already polluted millions of acres of their own country. They cannot be allowed to pollute the world's oceans as well.

OSTRICH SOUP

Fair is foul and fowl is fair on the British table d'hôte

The ostrich is celebrated in Britain more for eating than being eaten. Its habit of swallowing indigestible objects such as stones to help the workings of its gizzard has produced such similes as a digestion like an ostrich, and was known by curious Shakespeare, who made Jack Cade rant: "But I'll make thee eat iron like an ostrich, and swallow my sword like a great pin, ere thou and I part."

The meat is now on the other platter, with the introduction of ostrich steak to the menu of a London restaurant famous for its Chateaubriand, chips and Carnivores' club. Ostrich ought to appeal to the health puritans, because it is low in fat and cholesterol. The giant of birds might just catch on as part of the British diet rather than a gimmick such as rattlesnake, or a tasteless decoration such as Kiwi fruit, or a wartime ersatz subterfuge such as whale steak, though it will have to overcome modern British faddism about the table.

Ostrich eggs were fashionable in London at the beginning of the 19th century, needing to be boiled for 40 minutes, or providing an omelette for eight. Ostrich brains were a delicacy at the court of Nero, as were parrots' tongues, but for a different reason. The tongues were supposed, by sympathetic magic, to make their eaters eloquent, but not even the thickest ancient Roman can have envied the brains of an ostrich.

Modern British squeamishness about food is inconsistent. Mrs Beeton gave receipts for larks and doves, fowl that no dietetically correct British eater would touch today, but never for an ostrich. British taste can cope with winkles and jellied eels, but frog's legs stick in its gizzard. The rabbit, for centuries a staple of the servants' parlour, while upstairs they ate pheasant, has gone out of fashion, thanks more to Beatrix Potter and Walt Disney than to myxomatosis. Britons shudder priggishly at Filipinos for eating dogs and the French for eating horses, though there is no evidence that horses or dogs object to being eaten more than sheep and cattle. Venison, swan and boar's head, once the pick of the English menu, have become elitist dishes for feasts, and fish fingers are more popular than the traditional English trout, even when it comes from a fish farm.

The best hope for ostrich as fast food is to sidestep illogical English anthropomorphism about what it eats by disguising its name, as has been done with rock salmon, Scotch woodcock, Welsh rarebit, and mock turtle soup, and for that matter beef, veal and fish fingers. Ostrich might just stand a hope if it were renamed prairie steak. But then ostrich racing will come in from Africa. And the sentimental English taboo against ever eating runners on which they stand to win money will drive it off the menu again, and back onto the cartoonist's stock of harmless clichés, as a creature so daft that it confuses blindness with invisibility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Charities fearful of VAT burden

From the Chairman of the National Trust and others

Sir, Contrary to popular belief that they do not pay tax, charities are currently losing more than £350 million each year in irrecoverable VAT. This is because of an anomaly in the way the tax system operates which prevents them recovering the VAT incurred on expenditure associated with the provision of their charitable objectives.

Amid mounting Budget speculation, charities are bracing themselves against the impact of any increase in VAT and in particular the possible extension of VAT to printing and newspapers. Many produce magazines to keep their supporters up to date with the work of the charity. Such regular newsletters are also important, inter alia, in maintaining support. These publications are generally mailed only to members and supporters and typically carry no cover price.

If printing and newspapers cease to be zero-rated, charities will have to bear the additional production costs. Furthermore, there is concern that Customs and Excise will seek to assign notional prices to these publications and hence impose an additional VAT burden.

We estimate that the total costs of this additional VAT to our organisations alone could exceed £1.5 million each year and many other organisations could be similarly affected.

This would put at risk valuable services provided by the charity sector — services that are already under pressure as a result of the prolonged recession.

We urge the government to look seriously at the VAT problems of charities and to ensure that any increase or extension in the scope of VAT is accompanied by measures to ensure that charitable donations are directed more to charitable work and not in increasing proportions to the Treasury.

Yours faithfully,
CHORLEY (Chairman, National Trust),
SEYMOUR FORTESCUE (Director, Imperial Cancer Research Fund),
JOHN LAWTON (Chairman, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds),
CHARLES TYRRELL (Chairman, National Trust for Scotland),
W. M. VERNON (Chairman, Royal National Lifeboat Institution).
The National Trust,
36 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
October 16.

From Mr Stephen Crampton

Sir, In Treasury revenue terms Mr Muirhead's interesting proposal (letter, October 15) for an across-the-board value-added tax rate of 10 per cent might indeed be neutral.

However, for many consumers, particularly lower-income families, the losses that would be incurred if VAT was imposed on essential and recurring expenditure, such as food, fares, and children's clothes and shoes, would not be offset by lower prices for occasional or luxury purchases.

In the context of the forthcoming Budget the argument is, however, somewhat academic. Under a current European Community agreement, which the UK government supported, member states must levy an agreed upper VAT rate of at least 15 per cent until 1996.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN CRAMPTON (Secretary),
Consumers in the European Community Group,
24 Tufton Street, SW1.
October 15.

Commonwealth link

From Mr A. H. P. Humphrey

Sir, Sir David Hunt and others (letter, October 13) believe that termination of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office grant-in-aid to the Commonwealth Institute will be interpreted abroad as a turning away from the Commonwealth.

That, surely, is the intention and is a logical follow-up to Maastricht and other measures taken since Sir Edward Heath decided 20 years ago that Britain should join the Common Market and subordinate our links with the Commonwealth to our relations with Western Europe.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. P. HUMPHREY,
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Worthing,
West Sussex.
October 13.

Economics of privatised railways

From the Chairman of Railtrack

Sir, Your leader, ("A station of one's own", October 7), needs to be clarified in two respects. The Secretary of State has not announced any detailed decisions on Railtrack's policy for station management. He said on October 5 that he is asking Railtrack to "develop options" for the future management and development of about 25 large stations. Railtrack will be developing its strategy on this important part of rail privatisation as a priority.

Successful exploitation of the largest stations in our network depends on our improving both the travelling and the station facilities for passengers. You tell us that railway stations are not airport terminals, but an increasing number of passengers want to be able to shop at their station; this is indicated by the widening range of shops and restaurants which are now open there. As a result net revenue from station trading has doubled between 1987 and 1993.

The interests of the rail customer will not be subordinated to any perceived property development opportunity. The two will have to go hand in hand for either interest to be satisfied.

Considerable expertise in station management and development has been developed already in British Rail. Our job is to combine these skills with others in the private sector to provide passengers with the facilities they want.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HORTON,
Chairman, Railtrack,
40 Bernard Street, WC1.
October 8.

From Mr Alan M. Yorker

Sir, While I share your insightful scepticism over Mr John MacGregor's plan to sell off terminal-station real estate rather than to promote rail-system investment, I wish to bring to your attention plans for the next great rail station project here in the United States.

Civic leaders and politicians are envisioning a new transportation station for the site of the 1996 Olympics, Atlanta, Georgia. A facility is being designed to serve commuter trains, long-distance trains (Amtrak), inter-city buses, rapid transit, local buses and taxis.

Rather than include a massive retail emporium, this station will connect directly into the urban entertainment center known as Underground Atlanta, thus not competing with but enhancing existing development.

Federal support is evident and local state support is expected to be made into law in early 1994.

America is beginning to wake up to the idea that passenger rail and intermodalism are concepts necessary and appropriate for the 21st century of urban living.

Sincerely,
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October 14.

From Mr Richard Edgley

Sir, I should like to remind you that, contrary to the implication of your article on October 7, Waterloo has a very exciting future as a gateway to mainland Europe. Eurostar train services will start direct running from London Waterloo to Paris and Brussels next summer with journey times of around three hours.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD EDGLEY
(Managing Director),
European Passenger Services,
EPS House, Waterloo Station, SE1.
October 7.

From Mr David Gosling

Sir, In your report (October 5) on the first day of rail competition on services from Victoria station, London, to Gatwick airport you cite the Gatwick Express fare (single) of £8.60 and Network SouthEast's fare of only £7.50. Well, it seems a bargain, but it would be cheaper still to book to Three Bridges (next stop down the line) for £6.70 but alight at Gatwick, making the journey just slightly shorter than booked. A very strange pricing structure!

I feel that for international travellers the space, comfort and speed of the Gatwick Express (InterCity) is best, especially as it has signalling priority along the Brighton line. For us seasoned commuters the Network SouthEast trains at least offer relative peace and freedom from suitcases and skis.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GOSLING,
51 Bolters Road South,
Horley, Surrey.
October 5.

Pit safety question

From Professor Ken Coates, MEP for Nottingham (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, My continuing doubts about the disaster at Bilsthorpe colliery in August, in which three men died and three were injured after a roof fall, persuade me that there should be a fully independent enquiry.

The deputy chief inspector of mines was reported (September 29) as saying that although roof bolts were the primary support in the area of the fall, no other known form of support could have prevented it.

If that was so, why were the inspectors prepared to permit new workings to be cut so near exhausted ones ("skin-to-skin working") in which the roofs had long since collapsed? When they were asked for a derogation to enable the new tunnel to be roof-bolted did they not seek to ensure that an intervening coal pillar should be maintained, keeping a safe distance from these old workings?

The tunnel was in effect being driven along the bottom of a steep underground cliff, supported only by roof bolts. The left-hand side was solid ground, but there was no effective support on the right-hand side.

When I asked to see the Health and Safety Executive's code of practice governing the authorisation of roof bolts as a sole support, its chief executive told me that the inspectors are guided by a code which they helped British Coal to prepare. They do not appear to have their own rules. But since British Coal made the application for derogation in this case, on what grounds might it have been refused? All this vital area appears to be left to the discretion of inspectors, uncontrolled by any body of rules.

The chief executive has told me that the inspectorate has no adequate records of roof falls in tunnels or workings, whether or not they are solely supported by roof bolts: falls that do not cause fatalities or injuries are simply not recorded. But even statistics of falls which do cause fatalities are not classified according to the system of roof support in use, so that it is not possible to know whether accidents have happened in bolt-supported workings.

Why does the inspectorate appear to have remained so incurious about such a vital matter?

Yours sincerely,
KEN COATES,
Bertrand Russell House,
Gamble Street, Nottingham.
October 16.

Doubts about forest

From the General Secretary of the Open Spaces Society

Sir, Tim Yeo, the countryside minister, spoke with a forked tongue when he launched the National Forest strategy "for consultation" (report and photograph, October 13). He told us it was "our" forest but, although this was said to be a consultation, he declared that he had already decided there would be no compulsion on farmers and landowners to provide statutory rights of way or access in return for the public grants to plant trees: any new access would merely be permissive.

Without compulsion, we feel, there will be little new access. Some landowners and occupiers in the forest area have illegally blocked and cropped public paths. A recent survey for the National Forest shows that nearly half cannot be found without a map. If landowners cannot even obey the highway law, they are unlikely to volunteer additional access.

Unless the new access bought with the grants is statutory, it can be removed or changed at the whim of the landowner and will not be shown on official maps. Hardly a *National* Forest.

Yours faithfully,
KATE ASHBROOK,
General Secretary,
The Open Spaces Society,
25a Bell Street,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
October 14.

Defining Jesus

From Mr J. W. M. Young

Sir, The Rector of Hawkwell, the Rev Tony Higton (letter, October 13), is becoming almost as exposed as the Rector of Stiffkey, who, I believe, displayed himself in a cage in Blackpool in the 1930s.

He talks of an "unbalanced definition [of the name Jesus in *The New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*] which appears to reveal bias ..." I venture to suggest that his utterances in your columns suffer from the same faults.

A little more "care and restraint", rector, and let Jesus's name look after itself.

Be careful of "gratuitous quotations", or you might be deeply offensive to followers of the Jesus who defies definition.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM YOUNG
(Custodian of Archives,
St Martin in the Fields),
36 Jessel House,
Judd Street, WC1.
October 13.

From Dr Watkins Shaw

Sir, While making no comment on other phrases cited in *The New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* (letters, October 13, 15), I am surprised at objections to "Jesus wept", though I deplore the exclamation mark added to it.

This is truly scriptural (John xi, 35), well known to schoolchildren of earlier generations as the shortest sentence (and verse) in the Bible.

Yours faithfully,
WATKINS SHAW,
Holly Tree Cottage,
Broadheath Common, Worcester.

From Mr Ernest F. Crosswell

Sir, Some atheists like myself with grandchildren find the teaching of Bible stories as fact "deeply offensive", to use Mr Higton's words. In my view, attributing magical powers to a Jewish preacher who, by some accounts, was put to death for opposing the temporal and spiritual powers of his day belittles his accomplishments.

Yours faithfully,
E. F. CROSSWELL,
78 Goldsworthy Way,
Slough, Buckinghamshire.

The importance of Roman law

From Mr Stephen Zollner

Sir, What an exquisite sense of timing the law dons at Oxford have. They have been teaching Roman law for over 800 years. For the last 500 it has been, one might argue, of marginal importance to practising lawyers.

Now that our principal trade appears to be with countries whose systems are Roman in origin and knowledge of Roman law has again become important to practising lawyers — and seems set to become increasingly so — they make it a non-compulsory subject (report and leading article, October 12). Few can doubt that many young undergraduates will choose what they perceive as a softer option.

I have had to dust off my Justinian and consult it periodically. Others I know have also had to get to grips with Roman concepts. English lawyers are setting up in Europe and have to communicate with and understand their counterparts there.

Rarely in recent times has there been so visible an advantage in studying (or having studied) basic Roman law.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN ZOLLNER,
15 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
October 12.

From Dr D. L. Carey Miller

Sir, After giving my 10 o'clock lecture yesterday to 170 Aberdeen University first-year law students taking the compulsory civil (Roman) law course, I read in *The Times* that Roman law had been voted out as a required subject at Oxford.

In Scotland Roman law remains compulsory only at Aberdeen, even though the Faculty of Advocates, having reviewed its position in 1992, still requires it. In 1995, as part of the Aberdeen University quincentenary celebrations, the law faculty will hold a conference to mark the Papal Bull of 1495, on the basis of which the teaching of the civil law commenced at Aberdeen.

While one would no longer subscribe to the medieval notion of universality — *lex omnium generalis* — Roman law still has a valuable role in introducing students to legal thinking and legal history.

Yours sincerely,
D. CAREY MILLER,
University of Aberdeen,
Faculty of Law,
Taylor Building, Old Aberdeen.
October 13.

From Mr St John A. Robilliard

Sir, Had the defenders of Roman law at Oxford the foresight to rename their subject "introduction to European law" it would no doubt have kept its compulsory status and enjoyed rapid growth. At a time when Community legislation has become one of the most important influences on domestic law it is remarkable that any university law faculty would wish to undermine the most useful tool that can be given in understanding what is in fact the common law of Europe.

Yours faithfully,
St JOHN A. ROBILLIARD,
6 Le Foulon Terrace,
Le Foulon, St Peter Port,
Guernsey, Channel Islands.
October 12.

From the Bishop Suffragan of Crediton

Sir, Although I read law in "another place", which included an introduction to the Roman system, I hope Oxford will continue this study. I seem to remember that Roman law dealt systematically with three kinds of relationships between men and women: permanent, long-term, and concubinage, with distinct obligations and rules for severance in each case.

Since we are now in a similar situation and our own law seems to be in something of a muddle, the Roman system merits a fresh appraisal.

Yours faithfully,
†PETER CREDITON,
10 The Close,
Exeter, Devon.
October 12.

Out on a limb

From Mr Edward Hay

Sir, The photograph of the tree in Berkeley Square (October 15) is not an oak: it is a plane.

Nor is there any suggestion of its being a Victorian legacy: it was planted about 200 years ago.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD HAY,
16 Worfield Street, SW11.
October 15.

Football lessons?

From Mr Paul White

Sir, If travel broadens the mind, why do we have an unrivalled capacity to export the narrow-minded, both on and off the football pitch?

Yours faithfully,
PAUL WHITE,
82 Witton Street,
Stourbridge, West Midlands.
October 15.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 16: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Goschen (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of Zambia and Mrs Chiluba and bade farewell to The President and Mrs Chiluba on behalf of Her Majesty.

October 16: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, today visited Kent and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (the Lord Kingsdown).

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Reception in support of the Centre d'Hardelot and met participants of the Kent Post Office Youth Challenge at County Hall, Maidstone.

The Prince Edward this evening attended the Kent Youth and Community Service Annual Staff Awards at St George's Centre, Chatham Maritime.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 17: Miss Annette Wilkin was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Michael Thresher was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 17: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, the Gordon Highlanders, this evening received Lieutenant General Sir Peter Graham (Colonel) and retired members of the Regiment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 17: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon attended a Service of Praise and Dedication to mark the launch of the Abbey Appeal in Tewkesbury Abbey.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

October 17: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, was present this evening at a Concert at Corn Exchange, Cambridge, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 17: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Norwich and Norfolk Festival, this afternoon attended the Festival Finale at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, Norfolk.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Tushinskaya Children's Hospital Trust, will attend a reception at Apothecaries' Hall at 6.30.

Prince Edward, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend a reception and dinner at Cambridge University at 6.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will address a study day, Current Trends in Caring for Elderly People, at North Tees Health NHS Trust Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees, at 11.30; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a reception at KPMG Offices, St James's Square, Manchester, at 4.00.

Princess Margaret will visit the London Dyslexia Institute at Buckingham Palace Road at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the new building at Francis Close Hall, Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education, at 11.30; and will visit the factory of Smiths Industries, Bishop's Cleeve, at 2.12.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 7.00.

University news

Southampton
Professor Howard Newby to be Vice-Chancellor in succession to Sir Gordon Higginson who retires in September 1994.

Service dinners

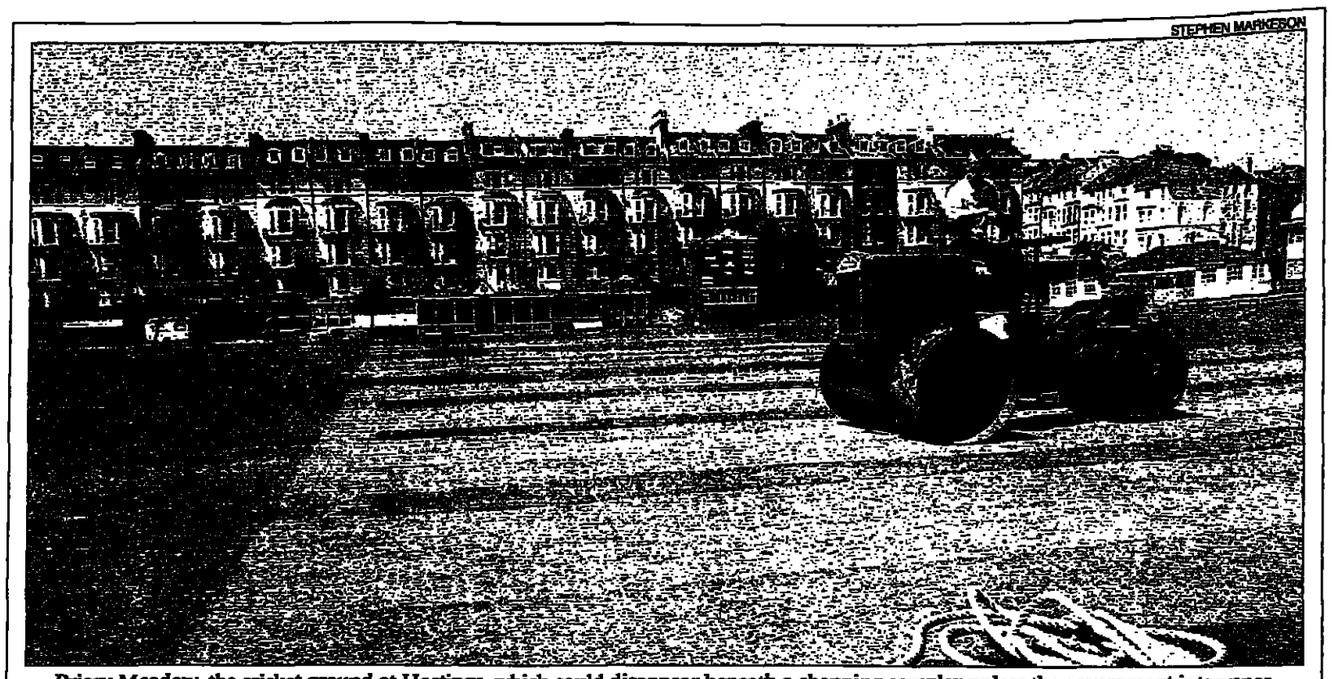
HMS Claverhouse
Admiral Sir John Kerr, Commander-in-Chief Fleet, proposed the toast to the "immortal memory" at a wardroom Trafalgar Night dinner held on Saturday on board HMS Claverhouse. Lieutenant Commander C.A. Jenkins presided.

Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)
General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, was the guest of honour at a regimental dinner of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) held on Saturday at the Castle, Monmouth. Lieutenant-Colonel M.G. Coulson presided. Brigadier C.C. Galloway, Commander 30 Engineer Brigade, and Brigadier M.P.B.G. Wilson, Director of Geographic Operations, were present.

103 Battalion REME(V)
The Commanding Officer of 103 Battalion REME(V), Lieutenant Colonel B.F. Vousden, TD, REME(V), and his officers held a Ladies' Dinner Night at Havana Mess, Borden, Hampshire on Saturday, October 16, 1993. The principal guests were Colonel N. Holland, Colonel G.O. Linnett, TD, Colonel N. Selby, Lieutenant Colonel J. Brunt, TD, REME(V), and Lieutenant Colonel J. Evans, TD, REME(V).

Latest wills

Dame Elisabeth Jean Csaky, Elisabeth Frink, the sculptor, of Blandford Forum, Dorset, left estate valued at £4,616,605 net.


STEPHEN MARKESON

Priory Meadow, the cricket ground at Hastings, which could disappear beneath a shopping complex unless the government intervenes

Historic cricket ground awaits its fate tonight

BY JOHN YOUNG

OBJECTORS to a proposal to build a shopping complex on the historic cricket ground in the centre of Hastings, East Sussex, will seek a judicial review if the environment department fails to intervene by calling a public enquiry.

The development, by Boots plc, received outline planning consent last August, and details are expected to be approved by the borough council tonight. But the objectors still hope to save the picturesque ground, known as Priory Meadow, which was purchased by public subscription in 1870 for use as "a pleasure ground and place of recreation," and where first class cricket was played from 1865 until four years ago.

Dora Dobson, chairman of Hastings Alternative, a leading protest group, has written to the Prince of Wales, inviting his support and reminding him that in 1989, when the ground was under threat from an earlier development, his grandmother, the Queen Mother, informed the council that she was greatly upset by the proposal.

Hastings Alternative has been supported by the local chamber of commerce, which believes that a new shopping complex will be a disaster for existing traders. At present 62 town centre shops, 15 per cent of the total, are empty, and a confidential report prepared for Boots is said to have grossly exaggerated the area's potential purchasing power.

Mrs Dobson points out that Hastings is rare in having a large green open space in the heart of the town; and she argues that even if more shops were needed, which they are not, the shopping "mall" of the 1960s and 1970s is already an outdated concept and is being superseded by new forms of retailing.

Priory Meadow should instead be made the focus of a new drive to attract more tourists to an historic corner of England, she says. Hastings has suffered a drastic decline since its Victorian heyday; hotels are boarded up, once elegant squares and terraces appear shabby and neglected.

Charles Steggell, 79, who has led a long campaign for the meadow to be retained as a cricket ground, says that fundamental environmental principles are involved, as well as the breaking of a trust which has been in existence since 1872. More than 3,500 signatures have been collected on petitions, and residents have called for government intervention.

One of them, Edward d'Abo, states that the development would be "one of the most dishonest betrayals ever of an inheritance intended for the public benefit in perpetuity." The council "has done everything in its power to silence any opposition," he says.

However, John Evans, the council leader, rejects accusations of arrogance and secrecy, and says the objectors have misled the public by claiming that the council has wasted large sums of money. Roger Carrier, its chief executive, describes the proposed development as a positive step forward.

The chamber of commerce's objections are understandable but confused, Mr Carrier says. "There is bound to be some contraction in the existing town centre, but it will not be as dramatic as they say." He dismisses the suggestion that a better site for development would be on British Rail land next to the station on the grounds that it would be "too far away."

Boots says that it is ready to begin work on the site as soon as a compulsory purchase order on a row of shops adjoining the ground is confirmed. The order will be the subject of a public enquiry next month, and the objectors hope the government can be persuaded to combine that with a full enquiry into the whole scheme.

Birthdays today

Sir Timothy Bell, advertising executive, 52; Lord Clark of Kempston, 76; Professor Tim Clark, dean of pulmonary medicine, National Heart and Lung Institute, 58; Lord Cooke of Islandreagh, 73; Lord Elis-Thomas, 47; Professor H.C.A. Hankins, principal, UMIST, 63; Lord Kimball, 65; Miss Melina Mercouri, actress and politician, 68; Miss Martina Navratilova, tennis player, 37; Sir James Nursaw, QC, HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 61; Sir Joseph Pope, former vice-chancellor, Aston University, 79; Dr Kate Pretty, principal, Homerton College, Cambridge, 48; Lady Saltoun, 63; Mrs Mary Symes, first woman coroner, 81; the Earl of Tankerville, 37; Mr Dick Taverne, QC, former MP, 65; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry, 67; M Pierre Trudeau, CH, former Prime Minister of Canada, 74; Vice-Admiral Sir James Willis, 70.

Dinners

English-Speaking Union
Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, was the guest of honour and speaker at the ESU gala conference dinner held on Saturday at the Guildhall, Exeter. Mr David Greene, deputy chairman, presided, and Mr Anthony Westredge, deputy chairman, also spoke.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth and Dr Hans Messer presided jointly at a lecture and dinner discussion of the Foundation for Science and Technology and the Industrie- und Handelskammer at the Frankfurter Hof in Frankfurt last Tuesday. Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach, Mrs B. Sothmann, Dr P. Nevitt and Dr E. Staudt spoke on the subject of "Innovation in the United Kingdom and Germany: different approaches to world challenges".

Church news

The Rev Brian Abell, Vicar, Masham and Healey: to be *also* Diocesan Tourism Officer (Ripon).
The Rev Christopher Abbott, Rector, Great w Little Milton and Great Haseley (Oxford): to be Rector, Chailey (Chichester).
The Rev David Atkins, Rector, Downham w Ramsden Heath and South Hanningfield: to be re-appointed *also* Rural Dean of Chelmsford South (Chelmsford).
The Rev Ray Brazier, Vicar, St Matthew's and St Nathanael's, Bristol: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Bishopston (Bristol).
The Ven John Cooper, Archdeacon of Coleshill, whose appointment has been announced as Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral (Birmingham).
The Rev Richard Cooper, Vicar, Aldborough w Boroughbridge and Roecliffe: to be *also* Rural Dean of Ripon (Ripon).
The Rev Peter Dominy, Team Rector, Broadwater: to be *also* a Canon of Chichester Cathedral and Prebendary of Middleton (Chichester).
The Rev Paul Fisher, Leader of the Lay Training Team (Southwark): to be Vicar, St Andrew, Kingswood and Wisdom of God, Lower Kingswood, same diocese.
The Rev James Gibbs, formerly Vicar, All Saints, Stechford (and recently retired): permission to officiate, diocese Birmingham.
The Rev Frank Gough, Assistant Diocesan Secretary (Pastoral), diocese Southwark: to be Tutor and Chaplain to Whittington College, Felbridge, same diocese.
The Rev Jean Hall, Honorary Curate, East Bristol (Bristol): to be Assistant Chaplain for the Canterbury and Thanet Community Healthcare Trust (Canterbury).
The Rev Canon Jeffrey Hayward, Vicar, Springfield, Holy Trinity: to be re-appointed *also* Rural Dean of Chelmsford North (Chelmsford).
The Rev Geoffrey Holman: to be Priest-in-charge, (NSM), St Nicholas, Askham Bryan (York).
The Rev Gillian Lurie, Vicar, Bramley Team Ministry, w pastoral care of St Peter's: to be Deacon in charge, Methley w Mickletown (Ripon).
The Rev Terence McDonough, Assistant Curate, Linthorpe: to be Vicar, York, St Luke (York).
The Rev Sheila Morton: to be stipendiary Assistant Minister, Flitwick (St Albans).
The Rev Timothy Naish, Research Fellow, Queen's College, Birmingham: to be a Tutor at the Bishop Tucker Theological College, Mukono, Uganda.
The Rev Neil Perkinson, Team Vicar, Cockermouth w Embleton and Wythop (Carlisle): to be Team Vicar, St Mary's, Cliffsend within the St Laurence-in-Thanet Team Ministry (Canterbury).
The Rev Alistair Stewart-Sykes, Assistant Curate, St Cuthbert, Castle Vale: to be Lecturer in New Testament, Codrington College, Barbados, West Indies.
The Rev Jean Sykes, Deacon, North Huddersfield Team Ministry: to be Deacon, Kippax w Allerton Bywater Team Ministry w special responsibility for Allerton Bywater (Ripon).
The Rev John Theobald, Chaplain, HM Prison, Rudgate and HM Prison, Thorpe Arch (York): to be Chaplain, HM Prison, Armley, Leeds (Ripon).
The Rev Judith Trickett, Parish Deacon, Kimberworth, St Thomas, Rotherham: to be Deacon-in-charge, St Luke's, Worsbrough Common, Barnsley (Sheffield).
The Rev Christopher Vipers, Assistant Curate, Wood Green Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Wood Green Team Ministry (London).
The Rev Alan Wait, Vicar, St Barnabas, Purley (Southwark): to be *also* Rural Dean of Croydon (Southwark).
The Rev Geoffrey Walker, Rector, Chester le Street (Durham): to be Diocesan Missioner and a Residentiary Canon of Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells).
The Rev Dr David Way, Tutor in Bible Studies and Director of Studies, Salisbury and Wells Theological College: to be Secretary of the Ministerial Education Committee and Selection Secretary, Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House, Westminster.
The Rev John White, Curate, Christchurch: to be Priest-in-charge, Bournemouth, St Alban (Winchester).
The Rev Sian Yates: to be Associate Minister, responsible for parish Education/Lay Training in the parish of Canterbury St Martin and St Paul (Canterbury).

Institute of Risk Management

The following were successful at the Institute's June 1993 examinations:
Fellowship:
P Burgess; C Caine; C Coghlan; S Elston; N Emerson; D Holland; A Marr; C Peace; N Pearson; R Penrey; C Smith; D Waite; L Watts; P Wilkins; P Young.
Associateship:
V Alexander; P Bissell; G Byrne; J Caldicott; L Coveney; E Cundiff; P Eades; R Ealey; L Edwards; S Fleming; M Gardiner; N Garrish; I Gerrard; P Howard; C Jennings; S Keen; G Kuruvilla; S Langley; E Lawrie; S Lewis; E Loong; V Ludley; A Mawoyo; C McClusky; P McDonald; L McEntegart; G Merryweather; K Miller; S Naylor; J Pickering; C Porteous; R Powell; T Price; A Reddy; S Richards; S Rodway; T Rollins; V Schreiber; N Schynuyck; J Stevens; G Teo; P Walker; G Watts; S Weerakoon; P Wright.

Memorial service

Mr Richard V. Melville
A celebration of the life of Mr Richard Melville was held on October 11 at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Ulla Monberg officiated. Miss Garnet Melville, daughter, and Mrs Philippa Popham, granddaughter, gave readings. Dr David Ride gave an address and Mrs Frank Dimes read a tribute by her husband. Among those present were:
Mr Robert Popham, Michael, Eleanor and Jacob Popham (greatgrandchildren), Mrs S de Souza, Miss Nell de Souza, Miss Sophie de Souza, Mrs J Melville, Mr A Smith-Masters.
Mrs D Ride, Mr A Samstag, Dr R Goldring (Reading University), Dr B Kelk (British Geological Survey), Mr M Dalton (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Professor Dr Otto Kraus (president, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature), Professor R J H Beverton (Natural Environment Research Council), Dr N R Chalmers (director, Natural History Museum), Mr C W Wright (the Lucretians) and Mrs Wright, Professor M Day (the Terrapods), Mr A P J Edwards (the Athenaeum), Professor M R House (president, Palaeontographical Society), and Dr E Robinson (president, Geologists' Association).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Luca Giordano, painter, Naples, 1632; Prince Eugene of Savoy, soldier and statesman, Paris, 1663; Richard (Beau) Nash, master of ceremonies at Bath, Swansea, 1674; Giovanni Antonio Canaletto, painter, Venice, 1697; Thomas Love Peacock, writer, Weymouth, 1785; Emanuel Shinwell, Baron Shinwell, statesman, London, 1884.
DEATHS: Jacob Jordaens, painter, Antwerp, 1678; Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, Prime Minister 1855-58 and 1859-65, Brocket Hall, Hertfordshire, 1865; Charles Babbage, inventor of the adding machine, London, 1871; Charles François Gounod, composer, St-Cloud, France, 1893; Thomas Alva Edison, inventor, West Orange, New Jersey, 1931; Frank Woolley, England and Kent cricketer, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1978.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P. Crew, FRCS, and Dr A.C. Aitken
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Dr and Mrs A. Crew, of Bramhope, Yorkshire, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.R.J. Aitken, of Kensington.

Mr T.G. Farrell and Miss S.J. Thurnham
The engagement is announced between Tim, youngest son of the late Mr Gerard Farrell and of Mrs M. Farrell, of Barnsley, Gloucestershire, and Sophie, second daughter of Mr Peter Thurnham, MP, and Mrs Thurnham, of Crook, Cumbria.

Mr S.W. Galloway, FRCS, and Dr S.E. Naylor
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Dr and Mrs R.W. Galloway, of Cressington Park, Liverpool, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs E. Naylor, of Anglesey, North Wales.

Mr R.H. Miller and Miss P.J. Worsley
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Miller, of Churt, Surrey, and Phillippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Worsley, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr I.M. Toner and Miss H.L.P. Baumgartner
The engagement is announced between Ian Michael, son of Professors Peter Toner and Katharine Carr, of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Heather Lee Paige, younger daughter of Mr Donald Baumgartner, of Ohio, USA, and Ms Barbara Baumgartner, of Michigan, USA.

Mr C.J. Wheeler and Miss A.L. Ramus
The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Wheeler, of Westerleigh, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, and Alexandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Ramus, of Barons Grange, Iden, Rye, East Sussex.

Mr T.R. Woolrych and Miss D.C. Aldridge
The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr Robert Woolrych, OBE, of Funtington, West Sussex, and the late Mrs Woolrych, and Deborah, daughter of Mr Trevor Aldridge, QC, and Mrs Aldridge, of Offley, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr A.I.M. Kennedy and Miss R.M.H. Salt
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Henham, Essex, of Mr Alexander Kennedy, second son of Mr and Mrs John Kennedy, of Kensington, to Miss Rebecca Salt, second daughter of the late Sir Anthony Salt and of Prudence Lady Salt, of Ugley Green, Essex. The Rev Richard Burn officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her great uncle, Mr Alexander Cairns, was attended by Sophie and Georgina Breitmeyer, Eliza Caminada, Elizabeth and William Turnor and George Williams. Mr James Cooper was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R. Milijasevic and Miss E.L. Purvis
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 16, at Domino Church, Fife, of Mr Rade Milijasevic, only son of Mrs Vuka Milijasevic and the late Mr Dusan Milijasevic, of Zagreb, Croatia, to Miss Elizabeth Latimer Purvis, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Robert Purvis, of Gilmerton, St Andrews.

Mr J.P. Repard and Miss J.S. Churchill
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 16, at St Mary's, Westerham, Kent, of Mr James Repard, son of Mr and Mrs Hugo Repard, and Jennie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Winston S. Churchill.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Freddie Bouverat, Arabella Digby, Archie Soames and Laura Stafford-Deitsch. Mr Ninian MacGregor was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Captain T.J. Taylor, RE, and Miss J. Keanie
The marriage between Captain Thomas Jeremy Taylor, RE, and Miss Joanna Keanie, took place at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh on Saturday, October 16, 1993.

Nature notes

ON rocky shores, purple sandpipers hunt among the pools for winkles and mussels. They are small, dark waders with a purple gloss, and are surprisingly tame and easy to watch. They are often accompanied by turnstones, which have a tortoiseshell back and a boldly marked, black and white head. Turnstones toss up the pebbles with a loud clatter, or fold seaweed over, as they look for food. Both species are winter visitors from the north, some of them coming from Canada via Greenland. Many of them return to the same stretch of shore each year: one wintering purple sandpiper was found on the Isle of May 14 years after it had been ringed there.

Leaves are falling faster and some lime trees are looking very bare. The leaves of wild service trees are a glowing terracotta. Oaks and ashes are still mostly green. Wild flowers linger in a few places: there are patches of red campion in the hedgerows and red and white clover in the fields. Fool's parsley can still be found on road sides: it is like the cow parsley of the spring, but has long spikes dangling beneath the flowerheads, and its leaves have a bitter taste.

DJM


The turnstone

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BIRTHS

ASHDOWN - On September 7th to Susan (née Dale) and Giles, a daughter, Daniella, a sister for Georgina and Philippa.

LEWIS-WILLIAMS - On October 12th, Siân and Mark have been blessed with Daniel Evan. Thanks to Mr Stephenson, Dr Bevan and their team at Yeovil

OSBORNE - On September 22nd, to Victoria (née de C Cussans) and Timothy, a daughter, Eleanor Sarah and Anne de Cussance.

PERSAD - On 12th October to Jane (née Selley) and Mark, a daughter. Georgia Daisy India.

POPE - On October the 14th 1993 to Tina (née Phillips), and Jeff, a son. George Jeffrey. Congratulations

MARRIAGES

CRADDOCK-BATTEN - On Friday October 15th 1993, Antony to Victoria

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

CROFTON-McCLURE - On 18th October 1933 at St Thomas's Cathedral, Bombay, Denis Hayes Crofton I.C.S. and Alison Carr McClure.

DEATHS

AITKEN - On October 14th 1993, after a short illness, Ronnie, beloved husband of Frances and greatly loved father. Funeral, family only on Saturday October 23rd in Cornwall. All enquiries to R.Bray, Wadebridge, 0208 812626. A memorial service will be held in London at a later date

AYRES On October 18th 1993, peacefully at home, Frank (Former Chief Education Officer of Ealing) aged 81 years. Funeral service at Sidmouth Parish Church on Thursday October 21st at 12:00 noon. Flowers to Pothury's Chapel of Rest, Sidmouth, please.

BACH - On October 15th 1993, peacefully after a long illness, Erika, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. The funeral will take place at St. Peter's Church, Henleaze, Bristol on Wednesday October 20th at 12.45pm followed by private cremation. Flowers to Thomas Davis, Chapels of Rest, Southville Road, Southville, Bristol BS3 1DJ

BELL - On Wednesday October 13th 1993, peacefully at Warwickshire nursing home, Thurlaston, Shirley, widow of the late Philip and dear Mother of Vickie and Anthony, Grandmother of Daniel, Tara and Nathaniel. Funeral to be held at St. Marks Church, Bilton, Rugby on Tuesday October 19th at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Walton and Taylor telephone 07788 543008.

BELL- suddenly on 16th October 1993, at his home JAMES LOWSON (JIMMY). For many years Classics and Assistant Headmaster at Summer Fields, Oxford Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Friday, 22nd October at 4:00pm. Enquiries to Reeves & Pain Funeral Directors. Telephone 01865 242525. Memorial service to be held in the Chapel at Summer Fields, Saturday 13th November at 2:45pm.

CLIFFORD - On October 13th 1993, very peacefully at home after a long illness most stoically fought period, David Lyn Hale, dear husband of Susan, much loved father of Emma and devoted Grandpa of Amelia and Bobby. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral and thanksgiving at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington W8 Thursday 21st October at 12.15 (Prompt). All friends welcome. Flowers and enquiries to J H Kenyon. Tel 071 937 0787.

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FRANCE - On October 15th 1993, peacefully, Ronald, in his 90th year, loving husband of Josephine and devoted father of Nicholas and Richard. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium at 1.00pm on Thursday October 21st. Family flowers only.

FROST - On 14th October 1993 peacefully, Patricia aged 85, widow of Dick, beloved mother of Rosemary and Richard and much loved Grandmother of Jeremy, Justin, Nick and Kathryn. Requiem Mass at St Josephs Roman Catholic Church Parkstone, Poole 11.15 on Friday 22nd October. Family flowers. Donations if desired for The Stroke Association may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32/34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 2PG.

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MAH - John Henry Garnet, of Benenden, on October 15, in hospital. Devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral: St. George's Church, Benenden, on Friday, October 22, at 2.15p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Hospice at Home, Tunbridge Wells.

McCORMICK-GOODHART on fourteenth October, Nita Emma, beloved wife of Leander McCormick-Goodhart, OBE, much loved mother to Henrietta and Leander and beloved Ohutate to Leandra, Emma, Taylor and Leander, peacefully at home with grace after a courageous fight. The family gives thanks to God for her life and for the loyal support of friends and family. The noblest end of life is to know the life that knows no end.

MORSE - On October 14th, Cynthia Zoe, peacefully at Saxlingham Hall Nursing Home. Much loved Mother of Pat, Grandmother of Robert, Caroline, Charles and Timothy, Great Grandmother of Fiona and Angela. Funeral Service 2.30pm on Thursday 21st October at St. Faiths Crematorium. Flowers to John A.V. Crisp, Peringland, Norwich.

MUSGRAVE, Jean, wife of the late Sir Cyril and mother of Richard and Mark, peacefully on 14th October. Funeral on Wednesday 20th October at St. Mary's Church Walsham-le-Willows at 11:30am. Enquiries to Cossey Funeral Services, Bungay, Suffolk.

PLAYFAIR - Andrew Lambert Hull, youngest son of the late Sir Nigel and Lady Playfair at the New Forest Nursing Home, Frithaen, Hants on Saturday 16th October.

RIDDELL-CARRE of Cavers. On 15th October 1993, peacefully in the Borders General Hospital, EILEEN beloved wife of the late GERVASE and mother of RALPH and WALTER. Funeral at Bowden Kirk at 2.00p.m. on Thursday 21st October.

WATT - On 14th October 1993, Dr R.N.E. (Nevill) Watt, dearly beloved and loving husband of the late Elenor and a devoted father, much loved and greatly missed.

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OBITUARIES

SIR WILLIAM MONTAGU-POLLOCK

Sir William Horace Montagu-Pollock, KCMG, former British diplomat, died on September 26 aged 90. He was born on July 12, 1903.

THE son of a 3rd Baronet, Bill Montagu-Pollock started his diplomatic life in Rome in 1927 (where incidentally he was arrested for showing disrespect to a fascist policeman), and proceeded to hold a variety of posts, mainly abroad — the last four being Head of ambassadorial rank — before finally retiring in 1962. But his unusual *persona* belied any suggestion of conventionality such a bald record might imply. He was, indeed, a true "original", essentially modest but in a way sometimes almost heroic, about whose eccentricities many stories circulated.

Educated at Marlborough and Trinity College, Cambridge, he made a mark early on with his enthusiasms, which embraced such things as exotic cooking, and a passion for cars, one of which he assembled himself in his college days, with near-fatal results. In an important wartime assignment in Stockholm he was famous for his enormous Chrysler, with a carrier for his couple of Afghans, and for a yellow Morgan 3-wheeler. (Later, in Brussels, he managed to get hold of a Porsche that had belonged to Goering.)

He was also noted in Sweden for an attire that was unusual for a British envoy at that time and place — sandals; leather and "electric" ties; and shirts woven out of packing material. But he did a good job in his official capacity, besides playing an active part on the cultural side in a notable joint effort with such luminaries as the poet Ronald Bottrall (of the British Council), Roger Hinks (of the British Museum) and the Scandinavian scholar Peter Tennant, whose recent memoirs of that period, *Touch-Lines of War*, give a fascinating account of the local scene.

In fact, music was Bill Pollock's great love, whether as a (sometimes idiosyncratic) amateur performer, or as an activist working with bodies like the Park Lane Group, the Society for the Promotion of New Music, the British Institute of Recorded Sound, and others. A one-time entry in *Who's Who* gave his recreations as "music, music, music" and "washing up".

Lest, however, all this might seem to pay insufficient regard to Montagu-Pollock's professional career it should be recorded that, in addition to his prewar junior posts, he afterwards became the (first) Head of the Cultural Relations Department and later of the General Department of the Foreign Office. He then served with distinction as head of mission in Damascus, Lima, Bern and Copenhagen.

It could nevertheless be that these were not perhaps the experiences he most relished; and that in a sense his extra-mural activities gave him more satisfaction. A main one was his association with the European Cultural Foundation (of Amsterdam), as both a governor, and director of its UK committee, for over ten years.

He also, in retirement, enjoyed a house in Lanzarote, which he left only when a certain accident-proneness involved him in an encounter with a lorry. This was followed in old age by mishaps at home, which he bore with typical good humour and resilience.

After his first marriage in 1933 to Frances Fisher-Williams (by whom he had a son and daughter) was dissolved, he married in 1948 Barbara Gaskell, daughter of the academician P. H. Jowett and herself an accomplished painter. She survives him, together with their son and the two children of his first marriage.



PROFESSOR SIR OWEN SAUNDERS

Professor Sir Owen Saunders, FRS, Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, 1967-69, died October 10 aged 89. He was born on September 24, 1904.



BROUGHT up as a physicist, Owen Saunders turned, somewhat by accident, to engineering and became a distinguished and highly respected mechanical engineer in the academic world through which he influenced the wider sphere of industry and government.

The son of Alfred George Saunders and Margaret Jones, Owen Alfred Saunders was educated at Emanuel School, where he was on the classics side, then at Birkbeck College before going up to Trinity College, Cambridge, as a Senior Scholar from 1923 to 1926. Early on he had shown ability in mathematics and at Cambridge obtained degrees in both mathematics and physics.

Saunders' first appointment was with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in 1926, where he was a scientific officer in the Fuel Research Station under the far-seeing direction of Dr C. H. Lander, then head of the establishment. It was here that Saunders found a natural home for his background in physics and mathematics, since Lander had initiated a small team in the "new" subject of heat transfer. He also started a collaboration with a remarkable woman, Dr Margaret Fishenden. The monograph "The Calculation of Heat Transmission" was their joint publication, a book that rapidly became a standard textbook on the subject.

In 1931, Lander became Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College and brought with him both Fishenden and Saunders. This distinguished trio undertook investigations into industrial furnaces and aero-engines, particularly into the thrust obtainable by directing the exhaust gases backwards. Experiments were done at Napier's on a single cylinder Sabre engine, freely suspended in an evacuated tank to simulate altitude flying. It was established that some 30 per cent of the total thrust could be obtained from the exhaust. Later, with the invention and development of the gas turbine, this work was superseded but there is no question as to the important bearing it had on the development of modern aero-propulsion.

Saunders was appointed to a lectureship in the Mechanical Engineering Department in Mathematical Physics and in 1937 Clothworkers Reader in Applied Thermodynamics. During this time, and up to the outbreak of the second world war, his influence on students of the department was far-reaching, both at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

In 1942, Saunders was seconded to the Directorate of Turbine Engines (Ministry of Aircraft Production) until the end of the war; here he worked under the direction of Harold Roxbee Cox (later Lord Kings Norton) and Sir Frank Whittle. It was in these years that Saunders gained his insight into the engineer's role and, with it, a wide knowledge and understanding of the whole field of the generation and use of energy in all its forms.

When Professor Lander retired in 1946, Owen Saunders took over as Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Head of Department. It was to be a fruitful period for Imperial College with the major rebuilding of the college as the spearhead of the postwar programme for the education of scientists and engineers. Under Saunders, with Professor Ford (later Sir Hugh Ford, his successor as head of department), the Mechanical Engineering Department was totally rebuilt and the great building in Exhibition Road is a tribute to his vision.

Saunders was largely responsible for the introduction of management subjects into the curricula. In 1957 he invited Joan Woodward the doyen of industrial sociology, to join the department, and later Professor Dorothy Wedderburn. He also saw the importance of teaching in Nuclear Power and formed one of the first postgraduate schools in support of the government's programme of nuclear power station construction and operation.

His influence rapidly developed during the 30 years following the end of hostilities. He was chairman of the Propulsion Standing Committee of the Aeronautical Research Council for nine years, and of the Admiralty Panel of Special Propulsion Systems including underwater propulsion. He was the first chairman of the Rockets Committee. When the National Engineering Laboratory was to be set up in East Kilbride, he was a member of the steering committee and on the executive committee of the National Physics Laboratory as well as a member of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. He was also chairman of the Naval Engineering Advisory Committee.

In the academic world, he had a great influence on engineering education generally, becoming Dean of the City and Guilds College (Imperial College), Pro-Rector of Imperial College, 1964-67, and on the sudden death of Sir Patrick Linstead, acting rector 1967. He was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, 1967-69, where he played a valuable part in fostering the links between the big, mainly autonomous colleges and the central organisation. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1958 and knighted in 1965. He was president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1960-61, and in 1976 was a founder fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering (now the Royal Academy of Engineering).

An author of many influential technical papers, his outstanding contributions to combustion, thermodynamics and heat transfer were recognised by the award of the Max Jakob Medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

His outside interests included membership of the Independent Television Authority and he had the distinction of being a full member of the Magic Circle; he frequently entertained the staff and their children at Christmas time.

Owen Saunders married Marion Isabel McKechney in 1935 (who died in 1981) by whom he had one son and two daughters. In 1981 he married Mrs Daphne Holmes.

NOVELLA PARIGINI

Novella Parigini, Italian painter, died in Rome on September 30 aged 72. She was born in Siena in 1921.

NOVELLA PARIGINI, "the muse of the Dolce Vita," held court to actors and artists for nearly half-a-century in her penthouse studio on the Via Margutta, the centre of the Rome art world.

Parigini achieved success as a painter in the immediate postwar years and throughout the 1950s with her pictures of nude women, cats and the "donne-gatto," the elderly Roman matriarchs who devotedly feed the stray feline population prowling the streets and ancient ruins of the Eternal City.

Critics praised her for anticipating the style of Pop Art but her gifts as a hostess and her eccentric life-style were to bring her to public attention as much as her prolific production of canvases.

She was renowned for wandering around Rome barefoot and for strolling on the island of Capri with a lion cub on a lead, for working in the nude in her studio and for her rigorously masculine clothes. She shocked conservative, Catholic Rome by pronouncing against marriage and by refusing to disclose who was the father of her adored daughter Benedetta, who was born in 1961.

In the heyday of the Italian cinema boom, when the Cinecittà complex of studios was known in the Anglo-Saxon press as "Hollywood on the Tiber," Signora Parigini took in numerous penniless hopeful actresses attracted to Rome including Brigitte Bardot and Ursula Andress.

"Without my help many girls who later became famous would have ended up on the streets," Parigini liked to recall.

Ursula Andress was among the friends who mounted vigil at her bedside during the last hours of the artist at a Rome hospital.

During her finest moments as high-priestess of the bohemian life of Rome, Novella Parigini, was romantically linked in the gossip columns with Errol Flynn and Tyrone Power. In a recent television appearance she said "I only went out with dukes, princes, kings and great actors."

She was friendly with Gary Cooper, Richard Burton and Orson Welles and, in 1953, the Shah of Persia climbed, unannounced, up the 114 steps to her flat (there was no lift) and commissioned a portrait of his then wife Soraya.

In the 1960s, after the shooting by Federico Fellini of the film, *La Dolce Vita*, the centre of Roman decadence moved from the Via Margutta to the Via Veneto. But Parigini remained faithful to the tranquil street of the artists near the Piazza del Popolo and was active in campaigns to prevent it from being carved up into bed-sitters and offices by building speculators.

An illness that debilitated her over the last 14 years transformed her once minute features and subdued her loquacious and effervescent personality. However she continued to exhibit her works at the annual artists' fair on the cobbles of the Via Margutta.



In spite of ill-health, she also would rarely forego a daily trip to the Caffè Greco, the coffee-house in the Via Condotti near the Spanish Steps, for a noon aperitif.

Sitting on a velvet bench opposite another reserved by the painter Giorgio de Chirico she would draw cats on the tablecloths and give away the sketches to other customers.

For the last 20 years of her life she wore only long white robes to symbolise, she said, the purity of her pursuit of beauty, but evidently also to conceal her expanded girth. She is survived by her daughter.

THOMAS LYON

Thomas Lyon, CBE, businessman, died on September 29 aged 73. He was born in London on November 6, 1919.

THOMAS LYON, chairman of various enterprises, was instrumental in the formation of the Confederation of British Industry. In 1965, his efforts consolidated the Federation of British Industries, the National Association of British Manufacturers and the British Employers Confederation into the CBI as it is known today. More than 250,000 public and private companies comprise the CBI. Half of those firms employ fewer than 200 people. Smaller firms, in principle, were Lyon's interest. He understood their economic importance. As a consequence of his intensive lobbying, small firms entered this business alliance. At his death, he was the only founding member remaining on the CBI's council.

Thomas Redshaw Spring Lyon was educated at Tollington School in north London. In 1938 he joined the London Scottish Territorials. Two years later he was commissioned into the Sherwood Foresters. Beginning in 1942, he served four years in the Far East. His final post was brigade major, 8th Indian Division. In 1947 he rejoined the Territorial Army.

That same year, he acquired an old established adhesive company which became the foundation of the family-owned Clam-Brummer Group of which he was chairman. Under his leadership the group expanded to become a specialist manufacturer in the field of adhesives, paints and wood-fillers.

He received the Territorial Decoration in 1949, then again in 1955. Known always as Tom, Lyon was appointed CBE in 1978 for his services to industry, in particular to small firms.

He is survived by his wife Grace and a daughter.

DR MARCUS FEYI-WABOSO

Dr Marcus Feyi-Waboso, gynaecologist and King of Azumini, Nigeria, died on September 8, aged 67. He was born in Aba, eastern Nigeria, on August 25, 1926.



IN ADDITION to his ceremonial duties as the traditional ruler of Azumini in eastern Nigeria, Marcus Feyi-Waboso pursued a brilliant professional career as a gynaecologist during which he was instrumental in advancing the standards of care in obstetrics and gynaecology as well as in education, social and religious affairs.

Marc, as he was commonly known, was the son of the late Chief Feyi Wabara Waboso, one of the wealthiest merchants of his day and a member of an aristocratic family from Azumini. His mother, Virginia Mburo, was from the island of Bonny which had very close cultural ties with the Azumini people. She became a custodian of Azumini culture, an interest which her son inherited.

Feyi-Waboso's secondary education was at the Hope Waddell School in Calabar, founded and run by Christian missionaries from Britain. His time in Calabar engendered a great love and respect for the Efik people and some years later he returned there to serve the community. Such were his achievements at school that he was one of the very few Nigerians accepted by English medical schools immediately after the war, when there was great pressure on places for students whose training had been interrupted by it.

In 1949, while waiting for his place as a medical student, he trained in dentistry and when he qualified as a doctor in 1957 he was the first Nigerian to be doubly qualified. During his time at Guy's he met his wife, Margaret Spence Taylor. They were married in 1954 and were subsequently divorced after the birth of six children. He later married Christiana, by whom he had a further three children.

After resident house appointments in the UK he returned to Nigeria to the obstetrics and gynaecology department of University Hospital, Ibadan, in the western region. Having decided on a career in this subject, he undertook specialist training at the Hammersmith Hospital and at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester. In 1963 he obtained membership of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (MRCOG), being one of the first dozen Nigerians to do so. Returning to Nigeria, he entered the service of the eastern region as consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology in Calabar, transferring to Aba in 1966.

Feyi-Waboso was always conscious of the need for all training to be relevant to the conditions in Nigeria, and while in government service he became a teacher of midwifery and a national examiner. After the civil war in Nigeria he left government service and founded his own practice in the Women's Hospital in Aba. He expanded his teaching activities and often appeared on television as an expert on women's health issues. He contributed to international conferences and journals and wrote a textbook on the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology in the tropics which was published in 1992. He was guest lecturer and examiner in medical schools in Nigeria and he was awarded fellowships in surgery and obstetrics and gynaecology.

In parallel with his professional success he was much concerned with developing his homeland. In 1977 he was crowned Eze (King) of Azumini and ruled, through a council of chiefs, until his death. He served on government committees and was a member of the council of traditional rulers to which government turned for advice. He supported local projects including developments in the church and schools.

Built on the crest of a hill overlooking his beloved "blue" river, Feyi-Waboso's palace at Azumini will always be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to visit it and be entertained on the cool verandah with the spectacular view of the grounds and surrounding countryside.

Feyi-Waboso is survived by his widow and his nine children. Happily his legacy will be carried on by Paul, his eldest son, who is also a a member of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists.

ALBERT BIGELOW

Albert Smith Bigelow, a pacifist who made headlines in 1958 when he tried to stop an atomic test in the Pacific by sailing a small boat into the test area, died in Walpole, Massachusetts, on October 6 aged 87.

THERE was never any doubt of Albert Bigelow's personal courage. As a lieutenant-commander in the United States Navy during the second world war he served aboard destroyer escorts in the Pacific theatre.

Before the war, as a graduate of Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he had begun a career as an architect, helping to design buildings for the 1939 World's Fair in New York. After demobilisation he was appointed housing commissioner for Massachusetts, organising the building of low-cost homes for war veterans, and it was during this period that Bigelow became a devotee of the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

In 1954 he joined the Quakers, and was soon active in anti-war protests. He joined a demonstration against chemical weapons at Fort Dietrich, Maryland, and took into his home two women who had been disfigured by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

That experience, he later wrote, "forced me to see that I had no choice but to make the commitment to live, as best I could, a life of non-violence."

On February 10, 1958, Bigelow and three fellow Quakers set sail from San Pedro, California, in a 30-ft ketch, *The Golden Rule*. They were headed for Eniwetok Atoll in the Western Pacific, where the US government was planning to carry out nuclear tests two months later. Battered by storms, they eventually reached Honolulu, but three attempts to sail on to Eniwetok proved unsuccessful. Each time, *The Golden Rule* was intercepted by the US Coast Guard, enforcing a US federal court injunction against anyone trying to enter the testing ground. After the final attempt the crew was arrested, and Bigelow and his companions spent 60 days in jail.

Undeterred, Bigelow continued to organise and take part in demonstrations against nuclear warfare. He was also an ardent advocate of civil rights for the American Negro, and took part in the 1961 Freedom Ride through the southern states. His efforts earned him a severe beating from segregationists at a bus stop in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He is survived by Sylvia, his wife of 62 years, and by their two daughters.

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LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—I must apologize for trespassing on your space again, but it is due to the courtesy of Mr. Gladstone's letter that I should answer his challenge. The number of issues he raises is somewhat bewildering. He adheres to the position that "Gothic" is the only possible style for a cathedral. He quotes Sir Gilbert Scott on Westminster Abbey, and he asks me to supply him with a new style in architecture. The dilemma which I put before him he has not attempted to answer—perhaps it is unanswerable: but he remarks incidentally that, had the design been left open, "nine-tenths of the designs submitted by architects would be Gothic," to which I need only reply that it depends on the architects. The authority of Sir Gilbert Scott, moreover, will hardly convince contemporary architects, but Scott was a very able man. Whatever his practice he knew good work from bad, and in the quotation which Mr. Gladstone supplies us he praises Westminster Abbey, not for its historical associations, nor for its fitness for modern necessities, but solely as a beautiful work of art in itself...

But the points at issue between architects and the committee are more serious than this.

ON THIS DAY

October 18 1901

Liverpool Cathedral, begun 1904, completed 1978, is redolent of the Gothic style; its architect was Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, grandson of Sir Gilbert Scott. Sir Reginald Blomfield was a distinguished architect; he once said he "never really cared for Gothic".

In the first place, there is the general question of the restriction to any style at all: in the second place, the restriction to Gothic, and even Gothic of a certain specified period. Now in restricting designs to any style at all the committee have misapprehended the work and duty of an architect. The popular conception of an architect is that he is a man who sits down and makes pretty drawings, or if he does not, employs somebody else to, that he hands these over to the builder, and that this, artistically, is an end of the matter. Of the underlying process of thought, of the careful consideration of all the bearings of the problem, of the deliberate selection of one out of many experiments of the imagination that every architect, worthy of the name, must go through before he puts pencil to paper the committee seems to have had no sort of suspicion at all, for they blandly undertake the preliminary process themselves, and inform architects that their designs are to be Gothic and even English Gothic of the 13th century. Architects may, and probably will, form an entirely different estimate of the situation. They may think that an architectural language which has long since died a natural death is inadequate to express the teeming thought and emotion of modern life. In any case, whether they do or do not, they would probably be unanimous in agreeing that this essential function of the expert should not be taken out of his hands... In the second place, we come back to the old question. Why "Gothic"? Mr. Gladstone reminds me that all our cathedrals are Gothic "with the single exception of St Paul's"—truly a formidable exception. May I also remind Mr. Gladstone that at the date when those cathedrals were built no other style was possible or even dreamt of...

Sir, your obedient servant,
REGINALD BLOMFIELD.
1, New-court, Temple, Oct. 17.

NEWS

Thatcher says Major on true path

■ Baroness Thatcher yesterday sealed a delicate truce with John Major by praising him and his cabinet colleagues for embracing again "the true path of Conservatism".

She marked the publication of her memoirs by declaring that Thatcherism was "alive and well" and making it plain that she is opposed to any leadership challenge. In her book *The Downing Street Years*, out today, Lady Thatcher describes her "betrayal" by friends and allies ..... Page 1

Defence cuts challenged

■ A threatened £1 billion cut in defence spending was in the balance after four senior cabinet ministers and the Tory chairman of an all-party Commons committee joined in the battle to prevent the Treasury axe from falling on the armed services ..... Page 1

Howard fights back

Michael Howard, the home secretary has defended his tough stance on law and order and refused to back down as senior members of the judicial establishment added their voices to criticisms from Lord Woolf, the law lord ..... Page 1, 2

Clinton attack

President Clinton brought simmering US-European tensions into the open by launching a stinging attack on Britain and France over their refusal to lift the Bosnian arms embargo. But he also admitted the US had made mistakes in Somalia ..... Page 1

Highway robbery

The wife of a wealthy businessman was followed home from a party at the Dorchester Hotel by two men who rammed her Mercedes near the M25 before robbing her at gunpoint. The men escaped with jewellery and the car, worth a total of about £150,000 ..... Page 1

Ostrich with chips

Is there a place for ostrich and chips on British menus? The preliminary verdict of a jury convened by *The Times* is that the bird now being farmed in Britain has gastronomic potential. The venue was Chez Gérard, a restaurant in the West End of London ..... Pages 8, 17

Car wars cost

Motor manufacturers' advertising blitz could add £450 to car prices. Spending on advertising is expected to be up to 60 per cent up on 1992 ..... Page 4

US encircles Haiti

Six US destroyers encircled Haiti and prepared to enforce UN sanctions, but the military regime remained defiant. Hundreds of people, including missionaries and aid workers, fled to the international airport and the UN pulled out more than 200 human rights monitors ..... Page 10

Mosque besieged

Indian troops surrounded the most revered mosque in the Kashmir valley for the second day and ordered up to 100 armed Sikh separatists inside to surrender. Pakistan accused the troops of desecrating the *mosque* Page 9

UN envoy opposed

The United States is trying to prevent Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, from visiting Somalia. It fears that the UN chief will disrupt the recent American peace initiative with General Muhammad Farrah Aidid ..... Page 11

CDU drops candidate

Germany's ruling Christian Democrat Party prepared to shed Dr Steffen Heitmann, its candidate for head of state and to strike a deal with the opposition Social Democrats to find a mutually acceptable president ..... Page 13

Russian campaign

Reformist supporters of President Yeltsin began their campaign for the December parliamentary elections this weekend with a congress to found a united movement, optimistically called Russia's Choice ..... Page 12

Smoking mother loses custody

■ A Californian woman has been ordered to surrender custody of her eight-year-old daughter because her smoking could damage the child's health, according to the woman's non-smoking former husband. The judge ruled that Susan Tanner, a 30-year-old nurse who reportedly smokes 20 cigarettes a day, should lose custody of her daughter, Elyse ..... Page 11

JAMES MORGAN



A collapsed wall was among some of the damage caused by Saturday's violent anti-racist protest in southeast London. Pages 1, 3

BUSINESS

Post reprieve: Ministers have concluded that it would be politically unwise to privatise The Post Office despite a review that showed this was practical ..... Page 40

Rights issue: Trafalgar House, the troubled property development and process engineering conglomerate, is likely to raise £400 million in new share capital in its third rights issue in three years Page 40

Cable war: As the bidding in the American cable and telephone war hots up, Barry Diller will be given a boost for his company QVC's $10 billion bid for the entertainment group from Cox Enterprises which is expected to offer him $500 million backing ..... Page 37

SPORT

Football: Leeds United and Ipwish Town drew 0-0 in the FA Carling Premiership. In Division one Middlesbrough beat Sunderland 4-1 and Crystal Palace and Wolves drew 1-1 ..... Pages 21, 27

Rugby Union: France scored six tries as they beat Romania by a record score of 51-0 in a friendly international in Brive. Philippe Bernat-Salles went over three times in the second half ..... Page 29

Golf: The United States won the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews when they beat England 2-1 in the final. Fred Couples and John Daly beat Nick Faldo and Peter Baker respectively, while Payne Stewart lost to Mark James ..... Page 21

FEATURES

Happy moments: "The great curse of our age is people reckoning they have found 'something spiritual', and brandishing it as if it were an Oscar." Libby Purves on the Duchess of York's knack of doing things that are a bit off-key ..... Page 14

Realists v intellectuals: "These are the two worlds fashion now inhabits, and they are worlds apart. Particularly this season." Iain R. Webb on the extremes splitting the Paris fashion world ..... Page 15

EDUCATION

A delicate task: The government today unveils its latest plans to help gifted children at school, Craig Seton reports ..... Page 31

ARTS

Making it happen: Michael White hopes to add to his list of West End hits with the opening of a musical tribute to John Lennon, *Looking Through a Glass Onion* ...Page 33

A hit on its hands: The Royal Shakespeare Company is at its imaginative best with Terry Hands's superb production of Marlowe's *Tamburlaine the Great*, now transferred to the Barbican, with a magnificent Antony Sher in the title role .....Page 34

Books: Paul Preston has created the longest English-language history yet of Franco. Plus, personal reminiscence and popular science meet in Stephen Hawking's new collection of essays .....Page 35

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



"Papa Doc" Duvalier, whose 14-year reign of terror in Haiti is echoed by the violence and repression of the present military regime Page 10



Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, who rejected reaching secret deals with organisations that support violence as the price of a ceasefire Page 2



Laura Hawkes, the 13-year-old girl who was killed in a hit-and-run accident on Friday in West Sussex, one of the weekend's four hit-and-run victims Page 3

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Big screen cartoon capers

■ Thanks to the screaming antics of Roger Rabbit, big-screen animation is back in fashion. Now the Hollywood deluge is set to begin, with the release this week of *Once Upon a Forest*

Fountain of age

■ Will retirement damage your health? The second extract from *The Fountain of Age* by the feminist writer Betty Friedan

Talking tough on crime

■ Has the home secretary got it right? Law Times examines his proposals to get tough with criminals

John Penycate reports for *Panorama* on the ill-fated cult led David Koresh in Waco, Texas. (BBC1, 9.30pm) .....Page 39

A tale of two marches

The anti-racist groups have evidently fallen prey to well-organised far-left groups which see disorder as a political end in itself. In some parts of the country the spectacle of policemen under attack by young men bearing Socialist Workers Party banners may even be a recruiting sergeant for the far right ..... Page 17

Lethal waste

After Chernobyl, no one can afford to be complacent about the Russians' cavalier handling of their vast stock of military and civilian nuclear material. They have already polluted millions of acres of their own country. They cannot be allowed to pollute the world's oceans as well ..... Page 17

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The award of the Nobel peace prize to President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela makes many of us feel uneasy. It is not that they do not deserve it; the fear is that even in a few months' time it may seem bitterly ironic ..... Page 16

PETER RIDDELL

Margaret Thatcher has produced a book of substance. The contents should shift the focus from her bitterness over her departure to deeper questions about her record in office: what difference did she make? .....Page 16

MATTHEW PARRIS

Does your face scare babies or cats? I ask because I have become aware that mine does. My anxieties are mounting after a disturbing incident this weekend .....Page 16

Charity leaders urge the government to reconsider VAT on charities ..... Page 17

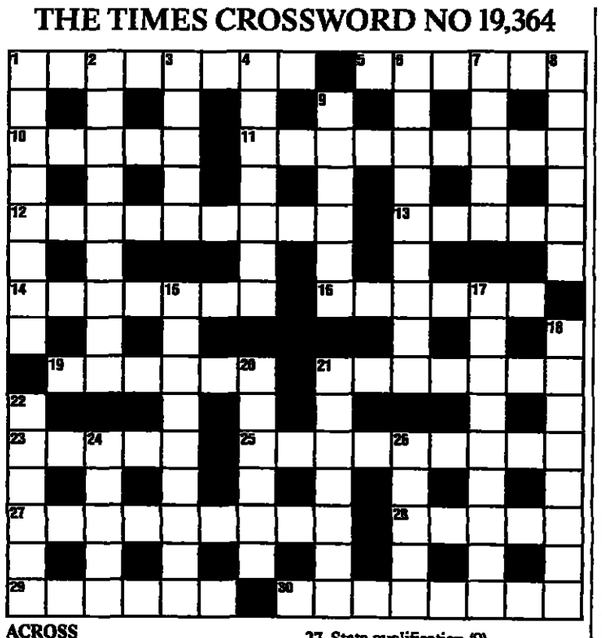
There is no justification for Boris Yeltsin putting a permanent ban on newspapers that opposed him. He puts his appeal as a reform leader at stake when he revives the police-state style of the Soviet past

— The Washington Post

Farmers are paid not to grow crops and to send food abroad. The direct cost of these policies to taxpayers exceeds $10 billion a year

— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,364



ACROSS

1 Have a fling when a drum is brought into party (8).
5 Provided support for daughter by the seaside (6).
10 Discover student with merit (5).
11 Article capable of repair — or could be altered (9).
12 Compensation for downfall in precipitate arrest (4,5)
13 Obscure decoration worn by girl (5).
14 Hair covering most of big carnivore (7).
16 Heading off difficulty for foreign currency (6).
19 Esoteric leaders of many years standing teaching in conclave (6).
21 Clerical aspirants at first study church intonation (7).
23 Help work revolving platforms (5).
25 It's obligatory for one in the office (9).
27 State qualification (9).
28 Bouquet needs one in the middle from this row (5).
29 One by one the side emerges (6).
30 Run from the pack as part of the course (8).

DOWN

1 Band leader forsakes star in haste (8).
2 Annoyingly meal is laid on for one at a time (9).
3 Mac in a predicament holding back fear (5).
4 Tempers displayed as partners hold up holiday (7).
6 Habitually set, as some books may be (9).
7 Doctor rising to accept honour is dressed for the occasion, perhaps (5).
8 Fancies note paper in quantity (6).
9 Outbreak surrounding English vessel (6).
15 Send abroad for trial run with new diet (9).
17 "Something — with boiling oil in it. . ." *(The Mikado)* (9).
18 Aware of being excited about new relationship (8).
20 Crew half drowned — river emergency! (6).
21 Support from county and teachers for firm head, commonly (7).
22 Small flutter that's producing hard cash (6).
24 Linesman finished about noon (5).
26 Unexpected gift from married woman (5).

Concise Crossword, page XX

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,363 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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WEATHER

Most of Britain will start cold and frosty with a few dense fog patches. The frost will soon lift but the fog will be slower to clear. England, Wales and Northern Ireland can expect another fine, sunny day. Northern Scotland will be quite windy though, and after a fine start will turn cloudy. The bulk of Scotland should stay dry with some sunshine. Outlook: more unsettled in North, fine and frosty in South.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	f	Madrid	12	54	d
Akrotiri	31	88	s	Majorca	21	70	f
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	20	68	f
Algiers	25	77	s	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	10	50	s	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Athens	28	82	s	Mexico C*	12	54	s
Bahrain	32	90	s	Miami*	28	79	c
Bangkok	31	88	f	Milan	13	55	r
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	20	68	f
Barcelona	21	70	s	Moscow	3	37	c
Beirut	31	88	s	Munich	7	45	c
Belgrade	25	77	f	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	9	48	s	Naples	26	82	s
Bermuda*	25	77	f	N Delhi	30	86	s
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Cairo	36	97	f	Perth	16	61	c
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Prague	5	41	r
Chicago*	16	61	d	Reykjavik	6	43	d
Ch'church	21	70	s	Rhodes	26	79	s
Cologne	9	48	s	Rio de J	32	90	f
C'phagn	7	45	f	Riyadh	33	91	s
Corfu	26	79	s	Rome	25	77	c
Dublin	8	46	s	Salzburg	11	52	c
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	S F'isco*	18	64	c
Faro	20	68	s	Santiago*	13	55	f
Florence	20	68	f	Seoul	21	70	s
Frankfurt	8	46	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	21	70	s	St'kholm	2	36	f
Geneva	13	55	c	Strasb'rg	7	45	d
Gibraltar	19	66	r	Sydney	20	68	s
Helsinki	5	41	f	Tangier	19	66	f
Hong K	27	81	s	Tel Aviv	36	97	f
Innsbruck	14	57	f	Tenerife	23	73	s
Istanbul	26	79	s	Tokyo	17	63	c
Jeddah	40	104	s	Toronto*	13	55	f
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Tunis	30	86	f
Karachi	40	104	s	Valencia	23	73	f
L Palmas	19	66	r	Vanc'ver*	12	54	c
La Toquet	11	52	f	Venice	17	63	c
Lisbon	17	63	s	Vienna	13	55	c
Locarno	12	54	r	Warsaw	10	50	s
L.Angele*	19	66	c	Wash'ton*	20	68	f
Luxembg	5	41	c	Wel'ngton	15	59	c
Luxor	40	104	s	Zurich	11	52	c

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6pm, 56 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,031.2 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Channel Islands, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, Shetland, 0.47in; highest sunshine: Morecambe and Southport, Lancashire, 10hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F), min 6pm to 6am, -5C (23F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.3hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, -8C (18F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.6hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.4	0.09	6	43	sunny
Anglesey	4.7	0.02	8	46	bright
Aviemore	8.0	0.01	4	39	snow
Belfast	2.3	0.01	7	45	hail
Birmingham	9.4	-	7	45	sunny
Bognor Regis	9.0	-	9	48	sunny
Bournemouth	8.8	-	10	50	sunny
Bristol	9.5	-	9	48	sunny
Buxton	8.2	-	5	41	sunny
Cardiff	9.5	-	9	48	sunny
Clacton	9.0	-	8	46	sunny
Cromer	X	0.07	7	45	sunny
Edinburgh	7.5	-	7	45	sunny
Eskdalemuir	9.3	-	6	43	sunny
Exmouth	9.2	-	9	48	sunny
Falmouth	9.5	-	11	52	sunny
Folkestone	9.4	-	9	48	sunny
Glasgow	9.4	-	6	43	sunny
Guernsey	0.5	-	x	x	cloudy
Hastings	8.5	-	9	48	sunny
Hunstanton	9.8	-	8	46	sunny
Isle of Man	5.7	0.01	8	46	shower
Jersey	6.2	-	12	54	sunny
Kinloss	6.7	-	6	43	sunny
Leeds	9.5	-	9	48	sunny
Lerwick	7.1	0.18	7	45	hail
Littlehampton	8.6	-	9	48	sunny
Liverpool	9.8	-	7	45	sunny
London	9.2	-	9	48	sunny
Lowestoft	8.6	-	7	45	sunny
Manchester	9.7	-	8	46	sunny
Margate	9.9	-	9	48	sunny
Minehead	X	-	9	48	sunny
Morecambe	10.0	-	9	48	sunny
Newquay	8.9	0.01	10	50	sunny
Penzance	9.3	0.01	12	54	sunny
Plymouth	9.2	-	9	48	sunny
Poole	9.8	-	10	50	sunny
Saunton Snd	9.8	-	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.4	-	10	50	sunny
Shanklin	8.9	-	9	48	sunny
Southsea	9.8	-	10	50	sunny
Stornoway	4.5	0.04	6	43	hail
Swanage	9.7	-	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	8.7	-	10	50	sunny
Tenby	8.2	-	10	50	sunny
Tiree	4.7	0.02	7	45	hail
Torquay	8.8	-	11	52	sunny
Weymouth	9.6	-	10	50	sunny

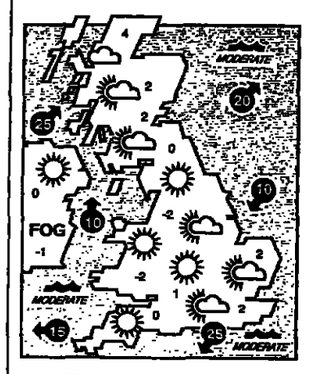
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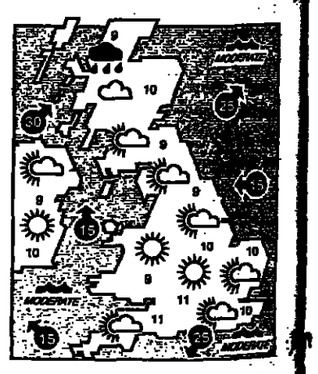
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Belgium Fr	56.94	52.54
Canada $	2.1275	1.9675
Cyprus Cypf	0.7775	0.7275
Denmark Kr	10.55	9.75
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.40
France Fr	9.13	8.43
Germany Dm	2.6000	2.3900
Greece Dr	372.00	347.00
Hong Kong $	12.36	11.36
Ireland Pt	1.0850	1.0150
Italy Lire	2503	2348
Japan Yen	180.00	160.50
Malta Mlt	0.6075	0.5525
Netherlands Gld	2.9200	2.6900
Norway Kr	11.35	10.55
Portugal Esc	246.50	246.00
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	205.00	191.00
Sweden Kr	12.58	11.78
Switzerland Fr	2.2950	2.1150
Turkey Lira	19200	18200
USA $	1.5125	1.4825

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.31 pm to 7.00 am
Bristol 6.41 pm to 7.09 am
Edinburgh 6.35 pm to 7.20 am
Manchester 6.36 pm to 7.12 am
Penzance 6.55 pm to 7.13 am

Sun rises: 7.30 am
Sun sets: 6.01 pm
Moon rises 11.27 am
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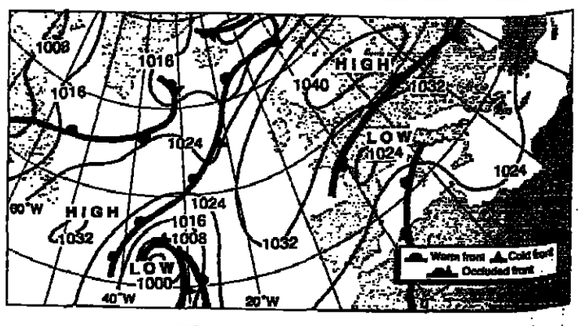
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B'mingham	7	45	s	Inverness	6	43	f
Blackpool	8	46	s	Jersey	10	50	c
Bristol	8	48	s	London	9	48	s
Cardiff	9	48	s	M'nchester	9	48	s
Edinburgh	7	45	s	Newcastle	9	48	s
Glasgow	5	41	f	R'mldsway	9	48	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.12	7.4	4.31	7.7	Liverpool	1.24	10.1	1.46	9.9
Aberdeen	3.33	4.7	3.57	4.4	LowestoR	11.54	2.8	—	—
Avonmouth	9.46	13.9	10.07	13.7	Margate	2.17	5.0	2.33	5.1
Belfast	1.11	3.8	1.32	3.6	Milford Haven	8.42	7.4	9.05	7.2
Cardiff	9.31	12.8	9.52	12.6	Newquay	7.32	7.4	7.56	7.2
Devonport	8.21	5.8	8.43	5.6	Oban	8.02	4.1	8.17	4.0
Dover	1.04	6.9	1.27	7.0	Penzance	7.21	5.9	7.45	5.7
Falmouth	7.51	5.6	8.13	5.4	Portland	9.16	2.3	9.37	2.2
Glasgow	3.07	5.2	3.36	5.1	Portsmouth	1.34	5.1	1.58	5.0
Harwich	2.10	4.2	2.38	4.4	Shoreham	1.24	8.5	1.44	8.6
Holyhead	12.22	6.0	12.44	5.9	Southampton	12.56	4.7	1.19	4.8
Hull	8.38	8.0	9.02	7.7	Swansea	8.47	10.2	9.08	10.0
Ilfracombe	8.27	9.7	8.49	9.5	King'e Lynn	8.53	7.3	9.18	6.9
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NOON TODAY



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New ways to help the gifted child



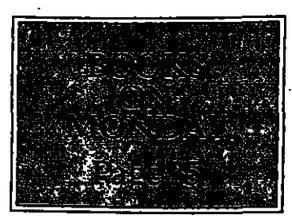
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England beaten by United States in Alfred Dunhill Cup final

Daly's dominance proves decisive

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

FROM the moment he arrived at St Andrews on Wednesday morning to the moment he completed his last round at 6.15 last night, a raw Scottish evening, John Daly dominated the ninth Alfred Dunhill Cup. He dominated it with his opening stroke at the home of golf and he did not buckle when the outcome of the final between the United States and England depended on his match against Peter Baker.

Daly proved again that he is a golfer who is increasing in skill and stature as he calmly and coolly played his second sub-par round of the day to outscore Baker by three strokes and give the three-man United States team the trophy and £100,000 each for the second time. The United States beat England, the defending champions, by two matches to one.

The day had been a race against time, bad weather again delaying the start and threatening to force a postponement of the final to today. Daly and Baker, who were the third pair out in the final, were having none of it and played with speed all afternoon.

It was a match between Baker, the hero of the recent Ryder Cup, and Daly, the folk hero, the long hitter, the man who won the hearts of the crowd. Daly won 70 to 73. It gave him his fourth point from five matches. He was five under par for his 36 holes around the Old Course yesterday. He had only one bogey and he did not once three-putt.

They had stood three deep to watch Daly start the tournament and they cheered him loudly when he completed it by pitching to within a couple of feet of the flag on the most famous 18th hole in golf.

Baker played well all week, showing the jaunty confidence he demonstrated at the Ryder Cup. He escaped from jail against Ernie Els, of South Africa, on Saturday and saved himself courageously when playing David Feherty in the semi-final.

England reached their fourth final by beating Ireland 3-0 and were given a good start when Mark James raced away in his game against Payne Stewart. James was on form all day, clearly happier in the warmer conditions that prevailed. He defeated Ronan Rafferty 67-70 in the morning and then put the competition into perspective when he said: "These three-man teams are a bit of a lottery, and I don't particularly enjoy them, but we get paid for it."

He was three strokes ahead of Stewart at the turn and five ahead after the 13th, where he deftly two-putted from nearly 100 feet for his par and Stewart three-putted for a bogey. Behind, Nick Faldo, the England captain, and Fred Couples were locked together in earnest struggle.

Couples, two ahead at the turn, was resolute on the inward nine. He held a two-stroke lead on the 18th, a lead that Faldo narrowed by one when his second shot nearly ran into the hole. Couples was round in 68 and was 15 under par for the tournament. He was unquestionably the player of the tournament.

Though England won their semi-final comfortably, the Americans had a close shave in the other semi-final. They had to be at their best to defeat Sweden in a match that produced the best scoring of the week — an aggregate 23 under par. Jesper Parnevik, the Swede, played like a man inspired, holing a 35-foot putt on the 17th for a four in a round of 66. It was the best score of the week and it gave Stewart his first defeat in four matches.

Daly's 68, which brought him a three-stroke victory over Joakim Haeggman, was his first round at the Old Course without a bogey, as well as his first below-par round of the week. He is getting the hang of the Old Course. He did not drive into the Swilcan Burn.

So it all depended on Couples in the deciding match against Anders Forsbrand. Couples settled it for the Americans but it was a bad mistake by Forsbrand that gave him the chance to do so. Forsbrand, who led by one stroke with two holes to go, hit his one-iron second shot well left on the 17th, following the team plan that, as the flag was on the left of the green, the best way of approaching it was to go left of the green and chip on.

The trouble was Forsbrand's ball ended in the Swilcan Burn and he could do no better than a six. Couples, seeing his chance, hit a glorious four-iron to within a few feet of the flag to make sure of his four. Then he birdied the 18th as well and the Americans were in the final. Couples's rounds had been getting better as the week wore on — 71, 70, 69 and now 67.

So a rather trying week came to an end, dogged, as it had been from the start, by bad weather. Little can be done about that but attention should be paid to the competition's scoring. The Dunhill Cup, as it now stands, is being devalued by the weight and complexity of its rules.

IAN STEWART



Daly, centre, who beat Baker, of England, to secure the United States victory, holds the Alfred Dunhill Cup aloft with his team-mates, Couples, left, and Stewart

GROUP ONE: Argentina 0, Ireland 3 (J Coceres 77 lost to R Rafferty 74, V Fernandez 78 lost to P McGinley 75, E Romero 76 lost to D Feherty 72); Zimbabwe 2, Spain 1 (N Price 77 lost to J M Olazábal 73, T Johnstone 74 bt J Rivero 74 at 20th, M McNulty 76 bt M A Jimenez 77).

	P	W	L	Pts
Ireland	3	2	1	2
Spain	3	2	1	2
Zimbabwe	3	2	1	2
Argentina	3	0	3	0

GROUP TWO: England 1, South Africa 2 (P Baker 71 bt E Els 72, M James 79 lost to F Allem 71, N Faldo 74 lost to D Frost 70). Mexico 1, Taiwan 2 (R Alarcon 73 bt Chen Liang-hsi 76, C Espinoza 87 lost to Chung Chun-hsing 79, J Brito 82 lost to Yuan Ching-chi 81).

	P	W	L	Pts
England	3	2	1	2
S Africa	3	2	1	2
Taiwan	3	1	2	1
Mexico	3	1	2	1

GROUP THREE: Wales 1, Paraguay 2 (I Woosnam 70 bt C Franco 74, P Mayo 78 lost to R Freitas 77, M Mouland 75 lost to A Franco 74) United States 3, Scotland 0 (J Daly 73 bt S Torrance 78, P Stewart 74 bt G Brand Jnr 80, F Couples 69 bt C Montgomerie 73).

	P	W	L	Pts
Utd States	3	3	0	3
Paraguay	3	2	1	2
Scotland	3	1	2	1
Wales	3	0	3	0

GROUP FOUR: Canada 2, Japan 1 (D Barr 74 bt T Nishikawa 78, J Rutledge 81 lost to T Yoneyama 75, R Zokol 72 bt Y Mizumaki 77). Australia 1, Sweden 2 (R Davis 77 lost to J Parnevik 75, P Senior 82 lost to A Forsbrand 72, C Pany 74 bt J Haeggman 82).

	P	W	L	Pts
Sweden	3	3	0	3
Canada	3	2	1	2
Japan	3	1	2	1
Australia	3	0	3	0

SEMI-FINALS: Ireland 0, England 3 (Rafferty 70 lost to James 67, Feherty 73 lost to Baker 72, McGinley 74 lost to Faldo 70). United States 2, Sweden 1 (Stewart 69 lost to Parnevik 66, Daly 68 bt Haeggman 71, Couples 67 bt Forsbrand 69).

FINAL: England 1, United States 2 (James 70 bt Stewart 74, Faldo 69 lost to Couples 68, Baker 73 lost to Daly 70).

All Blacks worried at lack of depth in forwards

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEW ZEALAND arrive at Gatwick this morning to begin their tour of England and Scotland determined to create a greater pool of talent with which to assault rugby union's 1995 World Cup. But since it is their last overseas tour before that tournament, they need to maximise the ability available to them during the coming 13 matches.

British audiences will be intrigued to watch the development of such youngsters as Jeff Wilson and Liam Barry, while seeing whether the forwards who served the All Blacks well during the summer against the British Isles, Australia and Western Samoa can sustain their record in unfamiliar conditions.

"It's fair to say the lack of depth, particularly in the forwards, does concern us," Laurie Mains, the New Zealand coach, said before his party left Auckland. "In fact, we had a major discussion on that topic in the three weeks before the team was announced. But while conceding that, players like Olo Brown, Robin Brooke and Arran Pene can be considered pretty experienced players although they may have played only ten or eleven Tests."

The fact is that New Zealand's provincial system prepares players for the rigours of international rugby as well as anywhere but the first four tour matches, against the English divisions (the opening game is against London at Twickenham on Saturday) will see the All Blacks trying different combinations.

"We don't believe we would have got a forward pack much more experienced without compromising ability and potential," Mains, whose players will train at London Irish this week, said.

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Bore draw exposes flaws in English football

Ipswich Town	0
Leeds United	0

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IF ANYONE wonders why Manchester United are stretching away from the field, or why English football is not fit for a World Cup finals, they only had to be at this match yesterday afternoon. It was moribund, a goalless, at times, passionless affair in which Leeds certainly might have had a penalty in the first half and a goal right at the death.

Yet, as their manager, Howard Wilkinson, tried to evade inevitable questions about his future regarding the England managership, it was a game that gave no credence to anyone's search for pride or expectations of great futures. It began with error for error. In the second minute, Whelan simply gave the ball away to Rocastle, but the Leeds midfield player, beginning only his twelfth game in 16 months since his £2 million transfer from Arsenal, needed too much time to control the ball. Linighan was able to recover ground and block him.

Moments later, Newsome attempted a terrible, hay-making clearance, miskicked and Palmer, a graduate in computer sciences, applied neither the accuracy nor force to find the net from barely six yards.

So it continued, both sides playing with undue fear, squeezing the play to ten yards either side of the centre circle, using caution and the offside trap as their best friends. In the eighth minute, McAllister, the one player whose artistry and time on the ball deserved better, teased an error that should have brought a penalty. His deliberately applied spin on the ball confused Linighan, who used his left hand to keep the ball away from Wallace.

"No intent," the officials said afterwards. Perhaps they meant no intent to allow Wallace a chance at goal, for certainly Linighan knew exactly what he was doing.

Beeney, the Leeds goalkeeper, having once twisted in mid-air to palm over a 25-yard shot from Stockwell, had only one other genuine save to make before half-time. It came, inevitably, after the ball had been given away. Deane, having a dreadful afternoon for someone who cost close to £3 million, seemed to spend all his time misplacing passes and when he did so in the 39th minute, Kiwomya sped down the right, crossed towards the penalty spot and Wark attempted a diving header that lacked the penetration to beat Beeney.

Leeds without Strachan is a shell of a team. If he is absent, and if only McAllister has time on the ball, we see the natural caution that lies within Wilkinson's coaching come to the fore. In place of Strachan, Rocastle, understandably, had tentative spells.

His most adventurous sortie came in the 48th minute when he engineered an inspiring exchange of passes but, before the end came, Rocastle was substituted again, still unable to complete a match. Though Kiwomya did once offer Thompson, with a late burst, a chance, the shot was hit wide of the far post.

There was barely a glimpse Slater, Ipswich's newcomer from Celtic. He looked low on confidence and physical sharpness. In contrast, McAllister looked able to conjure moments that transcended the boredom. In the 66th minute, darting down the left, he switched the ball from left to right foot and his lobbed centre was met by the forehead of Wetherall and firmly planted into the net. A goal? Of course not. Deane had strayed a foot offside.

Only one more incident prevented Leeds from registering their sixth consecutive Premiership victory. Deane was tripped by Thompson on the edge of the penalty area, but, from the free kick Dorigo, stepping in front of McAllister, aimlessly drove the ball into the defensive wall.

Ipswich were proud of their point. Leeds also self-satisfied, and if this acceptance of 90 such inept minutes of so-called entertainment means that the coaches rather than the players are controlling our game, then small wonder we are out of our league at international level.

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — M Stockwell, P Whelan, D Linighan, N Thompson — S Palmer, J Wark (sub: S Whitton, 80min), S Milton, P Mason — C Kiwomya, S Slater.
LEEDS UNITED (4-1-3-2): M Beeney — G Kelly, J Newsome, D Wetherall, A Dorigo — C Fairclough — D Rocastle (sub: F Strandli, 82), G McAllister, G Speed — S Deane, R Wallace.
Referee: M Bodenham.

Macari close to move

CELTIC are expected to announce Lou Macari as their manager today in time to take charge of the Scottish club's Uefa Cup tie with Sporting Lisbon on Wednesday. Macari, the Stoke City manager, has been in negotiations with David Smith, the Celtic director, over the weekend. Macari, 44, was given an emotional send-off by Stoke supporters after the 1-0 win over Grimsby on Saturday.

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"The ARROW seen before cometh less rudely."

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Sport in which a yellow jersey does not guarantee its wearer a fortune

Douce finishes muddy but unbowed

BARRY GREENWOOD



Pedalling for all he is worth, Barrie Clarke leads a bunch of riders competing in the British National Trophy race at Woodbank Park, Stockport, yesterday



Stuart Jones watches as Britain's cyclo-cross champion once again proves too strong for home rivals

Risking limb if not life, Steve Douce yesterday rode up and down precipitous muddied hills for more than an hour in defence of his title. As was predictable, he did so successfully and, in spite of being a professional, he did so for a mere pittance.

Douce is Britain's best cyclo-cross rider but he competes without the financial support of a sponsor. Seven times in the last decade, he has been the national champion of a sport which is conducted largely on vertiginous terrain and with the assistance of volunteers and family members.

Many of the spectators who assembled for the first round of the British Trophy yesterday at the aptly named Woodbank Park, overlooking Stockport, played an active role. They congregated in groups, not at sites where spectacular crashes might occur but in areas which could be termed "the pits".

As the riders passed by each lap of the 13-mile race, they discarded one bicycle and mounted another which had been washed free of clinging dirt. In a field of 87 competitors in the men's event, only nine had signed professional terms. The rest were counting the high price of taking part.

A suitable bicycle costs at least £1,000. Serious enthusiasts require two. In spite of the expense, the sport is booming. Four years ago there were 1,500 participants. The number has since increased four-fold. They range from two-year-olds propelled by their parents to veterans preparing to collect old age pensions.

The information is supplied by Keith Edwards, a walking history book of cyclo-cross. "I'm known as the father of the sport," he says. "A grandfather more like." He is 71 and, although he no longer races — "I gave up when I had some nasty falls 16 years ago because my reactions weren't quick enough" — he still enters time-trials.

His career began during the war. Afterwards, aware that the sport was flourishing in France, he wrote to their federation and was invited, with two companions, to compete in Paris. When he returned, he persistently encouraged the domestic cycling governing body to initiate cyclo-cross.

"There was no proper presentation in those days," he recalled, pointing in the direction of the red and white striped tapes which lined every yard of the course. "All we had were a few flags and an arrow here and there."

The changes have otherwise been limited to the equipment. He had no choice of gears on his bicycle. There was only one. He watched wistfully as the riders passed by on their sophisticated, multi-speed versions. "Other than that, it is still much the same as it was.

"We don't need a huge multi-million pound stadium, you see. All we need is an area, although the conservationists are beginning to cause us problems." He has been organising events for half a century and only recently has he met either opposition or interference from outsiders.

Sutton Park, near his home in Birmingham, has annually been a favourite venue since 1951 (the world championship was staged there a decade ago) and it will be used again for the second of the four rounds of the Trophy next month. Next year, though, he fears that it may be officially designated as a nature reserve.

Mountain biking is becoming a popular alternative, too. David Baker, Douce's principal rival, was tempted away from cyclo-cross and made an immediate impact in his new field. "Their races are much longer, lasting for two or three hours," Edwards explains. "They have bigger wheels and the bikes are more stable."

Greater skill, he insists, is required in cyclo-cross. It is not without its victims. A week ago Gert de Vlaeminck was killed in a crash during a race in his Belgian homeland, although a post-mortem revealed that he had died of a massive cardiac arrest.

Such a tragic incident is unprecedented in the extensive memory of Edwards. "There has never been a serious injury, certainly not in this country anyway. There have been bruises, scratches and the odd broken or dislocated collarbone when someone has fallen awkwardly but those are the hazards of the occupation."

Douce avoided the dangers and other obstacles, such as wooden boards over which riders are forced to carry their bicycles. He also stayed clear of all the leading challengers, such as Roger Hammond, last year's world junior champion who finished runner-up. The winner's prize? A traditional yellow jersey and the princely sum of £250.

RESULTS: 1, S Douce (PCA), 1hr 6min 15sec; 2, R Hammond (VC Badi), at 57sec; 3, P Stevenson (Middridge CRT), at 1 04.

Radisich crowned champion in tricky conditions

FROM STEPHEN SLATER IN MONZA

PAUL Radisich, of New Zealand, was crowned unofficial world champion of touring car racing after two exciting victories in his Ford Mondeo over 40 leading drivers at the FIA International Touring Car Challenge at Monza, Italy, yesterday.

Despite being able to start from pole position, Radisich was forced to fight hard for his successes as a continuous fine drizzle created treacherous track conditions.

The first race had to be stopped and re-started after a first-lap accident eliminated the BMW of Steve Soper and left the Ford Mondeo of Andy Rouse stranded on the edge of the track, after he had hit the barriers at the 120mph Curva Grande. Both drivers were unhurt and Rouse joined his mechanics in a race against the clock to repair his damaged car for the second race, as his team mate led the restart of the first.

By the chequered flag, Radisich had a lead of nearly two seconds over the Opel of Alain Coudini, of France, and Nicola Larini, of Italy, who in his Alfa Romeo finished ahead of the top British driver John Cleland in fourth place.

The second race proved even more dramatic, with Cleland and Robb Gravett, driving a Peugeot, both spinning off the track and Julian Bailey's Toyota crashing out of the race in a spectacular barrel-roll after being hit from behind.

By the eleventh lap, Radisich, who had managed to avoid the trouble, was some three seconds clear of the Alfa Romeos of Larini and Philippe Gache, of France. But his advantage was reduced to nothing when the cars were forced into formation behind a safety car as wreckage was removed. The green flags were waved with one lap of the race remaining.

With the two Alfa Romeos right on his bumper, Radisich kept cool, made a perfect restart and claim his second victory by just 0.6sec.

"That was the toughest race of my life," said the New Zealander. "They threw everything at me, wet conditions, oil and debris on the track, the pressure from the Alfa Romeos and then the pace car. But my car was brilliant and of course I am delighted."

RESULTS: First race: 1, P Radisich (NZ), Ford Mondeo, 32mn 17.730sec; 2, A Cudini (Fr), Opel Vectra, 32:19.307; 3, N Larini (It), Alfa Romeo, 32:21.327; 4, J Cleland (GB), Vauxhall Cavalier, 32:21.506; 5, A Nannini (It), Alfa Romeo, 32:23.469; 6, Y Dalmas (Fr), Peugeot 405, 32:34.295. Second race: 1, Radisich, 34:52.203; 2, Larini, 34:53.065; 3, P Gache (Fr), Alfa Romeo, 34:54.345; 4, A Burgstaller (Ger), BMW 318i, 34:57.094; 5, E van de Poele (Bel), Nissan Primera, 34:57.822; 6, E Pirro (It), BMW 318i, 34.58.444.

Manager involved in dispute over payment

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THE action often starts early in an ice hockey match but Tony Goldstone, the player-manager of Streatham Redskins, was surprised to find himself embroiled before his team faced-off against Paisley Pirates in a British League first division match on Saturday.

While preparing for the game, Goldstone was approached by Justin Butorac, a Canadian player who had asked for a trial the previous week. Goldstone said: "I agreed to go halfway with his expenses from Manchester. He tried out and I wasn't impressed and heard no more from him until he turned up in the dressing room, having travelled down with Pirates, claiming that we owed him money."

A scuffle ensued which resulted in Butorac seeking hospital treatment and Goldstone spending the evening at Streatham police station and missing the match. Goldstone was later released on bail pending further enquiries. His brother, Adam, also had hospital treatment after becoming involved.

The absence of the Goldstones was balanced by the Redskins signing Gary Brine, the goaltender, on loan from Bracknell Bees, the premier division team. The depleted Redskins team, with Brine in goal, beat Pirates 7-6. Joe Ferras, their Canadian import, scored a hat-trick, Shawn Lavoy added two and Peter Collins, 22, the captain, scored twice.

Basingstoke Beavers moved to the top of the premier division with a 9-3 win over Billingham Bombers, as Kevin Conway and Mario Belanger hit four goals each. Bracknell, without Darren Durdle, their leading defender, lost 8-3 at home against Murrayfield Racers, who are second. Bees may sign Ian Young, the goalminder released by Nottingham Panthers last week, to take pressure off Marc Dowd now that Brine has left.

Slough Jets kept their 100 per cent record with a 13-4 win over Trafford Metros, with Joe Stefan scoring four times and Derek Higdon, three. Metros played without Rick Fera, who said he was injured. His brother, Frank, who has been coaching the team this season, has resigned.

Peterborough Pirates, who are playing home games at Milton Keynes following the closure of their rink, after the Peterborough Ice Rink Ltd went into liquidation, are confident that they will return as the liquidator has handed them the keys to the rink.

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Nerurkar strides to top of ten-mile rankings

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE uncertain world of road race statistics was bowled another googly yesterday when Richard Nerurkar, the English cross country champion, produced one of the outstanding performances over ten miles. Some will argue that it is a British best, others that it may be a world best.

All that Nerurkar will concern himself with is that it bodes well for his chances in the World Cup marathon in San Sebastian, Spain, on Sunday week. Nerurkar's time, 46min 02sec, was a minute quicker than he had been seeking. "Somewhere around 47 minutes would be okay," he had said in the week.

Nerurkar, who won the Hamburg marathon on his debut at the distance in May, is among the favourites to win at the World Cup. This was his last race before San Sebastian and his time was faster than that recognised by the Association of International Marathons and Road Races (AIMS) as the world best.

Peter McLean, the AIMS spokesman, confirmed yesterday that his organisation still regarded the 46min 13sec recorded by the American, Greg Meyer, in 1983 as the world best. Meyer set his time in the Cherry Blossom race in Washington.

The cabbage, though, is mightier than the cherry. Nerurkar burst away from the field in the Cabbage Patch ten-mile race at Twickenham to win by almost six minutes. According to Dave Walsh, keeper of British road race records, Nerurkar's time is likely to be accepted as a national best.

Thus the 46min 11sec run by Gary Staines the previous weekend was shortlived. To be accepted as an AIMS record, the organisers of the race at Twickenham will need to arrange for an IAAF course measurer to certify the distance.

However, Nerurkar's time is slower than the 45min 13sec which Ian Stewart, Britain's former European 5,000 metres champion, recorded in Stoke in 1977. Doubts have been expressed over the accuracy of the course, but Stewart's run seems to have won the approval of Peter Matthews, Britain's foremost statistician, who lists it in his *Guinness Book of Athletics Facts and Feats*.

Nerurkar, 29, has had a satisfying six months, winning in Hamburg in May in 2hr 10min 57sec and setting a personal best of 27min 40.03sec for 10,000 metres. Four weeks ago, he finished third in the Great North Run half-marathon, his first defeat at the distance, but his time, 1hr 11min 53sec, pleased him, given that he was in the thick of marathon training.

"I was aware I was not at my peak," he said. "But I did not want to be at my peak in the middle of September." After the Great North Run, he went to Font Romeu, in the French Pyrenees, to train for three weeks at altitude, and the benefit was evident on the roads of Twickenham.

The fastest marathon of the year was witnessed in Reims yesterday when Vincent Rousseau, a fortnight after winning the world half-marathon championship in Brussels, clocked 2hr 09min 13sec. Rousseau, from Belgium, had said in Brussels that his half-marathon there was not an end in itself but a means of sharpening for the marathon.

Aged 31, Rousseau has had an even more satisfying last few months than Nerurkar. As well as his world title, he has set Belgian records on the track for 5,000 metres (13min 10.99sec) and 10,000 metres (27min 23.18sec).

After the record-breaking feats of the Chinese women at their national championships in Peking last month, it was the turn of a Chinese man yesterday to take a bow. Hu Gangjun became the first Chinese to win the Beijing international marathon, being run in Peking for the twelfth time.

By recording 2hr 10min 57sec, he equalled Nerurkar's winning time in Hamburg. Tokunaga Daisuke, of Japan, was second in 2hr 11min 09sec and Belayneh Dinsamo, the Ethiopian whose world best of 2hr 06min 50sec, set in 1988, still stands, was third in 2hr 12min 11sec.



Nerurkar: road master

Loughran steps in to secure WBO title

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

EAMONN Loughran captured the vacant World Boxing Organization welterweight championship in Belfast on Saturday night with a unanimous decision over Lorenzo Smith, of the United States. Loughran, from nearby Ballymena, was by far the more impressive fighter in the 12-round bout.

With just one defeat in his 23 contests as a professional before the weekend and already the holder of the Commonwealth championship, Loughran, 23, began to find his mark in the fourth round, landing a long right to the side of Smith's head. He then increased the pace in the fifth and appeared in control for the rest of the bout, reopening a cut on the side of Smith's right eye in the last round.

Smith, 26, from Chicago, was brought in as a late replacement — fighting on only three days's notice — for Gert Bo Jacobsen, of Denmark, the former title-holder, who relinquished his championship on Tuesday after a bout of illness.

"After 12 years in boxing, it's my dream," Loughran said afterwards. "I've achieved everything I ever wanted except one thing — and that's to make a lot of money. I now want to fight the best welterweights in the world and defend against the best men. I'm not running from anybody and I intend to make a lot of defences of this title.

Mochrie takes two-stroke lead into final round

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DOTTIE Mochrie, the 1992 Ladies Professional Golf Associaton (LPGA) player of the year, who has yet to win this season, had a four-under-par 68 on Saturday to take a two-stroke lead at the end of the third round of the world championship of women's golf in Naples, Florida.

Mochrie led Lauri Merten, who had a 72, after starting the day sharing the lead with Meg Mallon, who went round in 73 to share third place with the veteran, Nancy Lopez, and Sherri Steinhauer, who equalled the course record with a 67. "I've been the chaser all year and have come up empty," Mochrie said. "Maybe I'll try it from the other side this time."

Mochrie, who won four events last year, has been close to victory this season, losing twice in play-offs, and she is eighth on the money list.

The world championship is an invitational event featuring 16 players. The field includes the top 14 LPGA money-winners this year, as well as Mallon, who is eighteenth on the list, and Laura Davies, who is nineteenth and was invited as the leading European.

The tournament was last held in 1991 in Cairns, Australia, where Mallon won by five strokes from Mochrie.

On Saturday, Mochrie moved into the lead with birdies at the 9th, 10th, 11th and 13th holes. She was three strokes in front until Merten pulled one back with a birdie at the 18th.

Merten, the United States Women's Open champion, ran into trouble at the 16th, where her approach shot missed the green and landed near a tree. She tried a left-handed shot but sent the eight-iron flying over the green. She chipped on to it and two-putted for a six. "I haven't had to hit a left-handed shot in a while," she said.

At the Texas Open, Tom Lehman, Jay Haas, Dan Forsman and Bob Lohr were tied for the lead while 13 others were within four shots after the third round on Saturday.

On a day of low scoring in ideal, if humid, conditions at the short 6,650-yard Oak Hills course, nobody was able to break away from the pack.

"There's not much strategy involved with so many guys in the running," Lohr, who shot a four-under-par 67, said. "On this course, you just go for it. You don't lay up at the par-fives because there's not much trouble around the greens." Forsman also shot 67, Haas had 66 and Lehman had the best round of the leaders, a six-under 65.

The four front-runners had aggregate scores of 199, 14 under par, one shot ahead of David Edwards, while the US Open champion last year, Tom Kite, was in a group two shots behind.

"The course is playing so easily," Lehman said. "It's not as fast as in the past and the greens are holding. I'm sure it's going to take a 64 to win tomorrow. I started out playing really poorly but, on the back nine, I started swinging better and better, hitting more good iron shots closer and closer."

Lehman's card supported his comments. He was even on the front nine but reeled off six birdies coming home, all from inside nine feet.

Lehman, 34, has not won on the PGA Tour but has been a regular contender over the past two years.

Last year, he finished 24th on the money list and is 35th this year. Two weeks ago, he had a bogey at the final hole in the Southern Open to miss a five-way play-off by a shot.

Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki, the veteran Japanese, won the Asahi Beer Digest tournament at Susuno by two strokes after a last round of 67, four under par. He had five birdies on his way to his third victory this season and 81st of his career.

Ozaki, the tournament leader throughout, had a total of 268, 16 under par. Tsuneyuki Nakajima had eight birdies in a round of 63 to finish two behind.

Mayumi Hirase won the Fujitsu women's tournament by one stroke in Ichihara yesterday. Starting the final round one stroke behind the leader, Hirase finished with a total of 211, five under par.



Davies: leading European

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First win in six months lifts Lendl

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IVAN Lendl, the former world No 1 tennis player, won his first title for six months by beating Todd Martin, of the United States, in the Seiko Super tournament in Tokyo yesterday, salvaging something from his worst season in ten years. Lendl, who has lost in the first round of nine events this year, beat Martin 6-4, 6-4.

"It's important in the context of next year because I decided to play two more tournaments this year to try to get some points to be seeded in the Australian Open and start fresh next year in good position," Lendl said.

It was only the second victory of the season for Lendl, following his success in Munich in April, and the 94th of his career. But he has always done well in Tokyo and his fifth victory since 1983 earned him $143,500.

He had beaten Boris Becker, the world No 3, and Alexander Volkov on his way to the final while Martin beat Stefan Edberg on Friday.

Martin had beaten Lendl, 33, in the first round of the Australian indoor championships last week but, yesterday, a series of accurate returns kept him from the net. Once Lendl took the lead in the fifth game of the first set, he never looked back, hitting 11 aces and numerous service winners.

A lucky net-cord ball, which bounced over the head of Martin, was the prelude to Lendl breaking service in the fifth game and he was even more determined in the second set, conceding only three points on his service and never facing a break point in the remainder of the match.

"I was having trouble



Lendl: 'important' win

holding my serve in the first set, there were three or four tight games," Lendl said. "But all of a sudden, I started serving better, I was putting a lot of first serves in and getting a lot of free points on my serve. I was trying to use my serve as well as I could, and get the ball back low, because he is a tall player, he likes the ball to come up to him."

Martin was impressed with the performance of Lendl, now ranked eighteenth in the world. "He still hits the ball as well as anybody. When everything is working, he is as dangerous as anybody, and that happened this week. He just came here and played really terrific tennis.

"In the first set, Ivan's serve was a little bit off but he was hitting ground strokes really well and moving me around the court. In the second set, his serve was really too much for me because he was almost winning four out of five points just hitting his serve. I couldn't force him back much with my returns and he was on the offensive all the time."

Jonathan Stark, of the United States, won his first ATP tour title yesterday when he beat Cedric Pioline, of France, 6-3, 6-2 in the final of the Bolzano Open in Italy. It was fourth time Pioline had lost in a final this season — he was runner-up to Pete Sampras in the US Open — and he is still looking for his first title.

Mary Pierce, of France, overwhelmed Natalia Zvereva, of Belorus, 6-3, 6-3 yesterday to capture the Porsche women's Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany. Pierce lost only two service points in the first set en route to her seventh career title.



JULIAN HERBERT

Les Morton, left, the eventual winner, and Shaun Martindale, the runner-up, are tracked by Darrell Stone during the national 50 kilometres championship

Walking head-on into path of cynics



David Powell sees first-hand why a ridiculed sideshow needs to take steps to get back on the right track

Chris Maddocks has a degree in law but, at 36, no career. He has jobs to suit his 30 hours-a-week training for race walking and, to save money, he sometimes spends the night before competition sleeping in a mobile veterinary surgery belonging to a fellow walker.

He thinks race walking is beautiful, an art form, "a fantastic event". In case you are wondering, you would be right in believing that this is the same activity we saw slashing its wrists at the world athletics championships in Stuttgart two months ago.

Race walking is, to the majority who see it once a year at the big championships, sport's best comedy. Other, more serious, observers have come to regard it as a pariah. Athletics has two diseases: drugs and walking.

In Stuttgart, race walking did not so much reopen its can of worms as gain the product's sponsorship. Five walkers in the men's 20 kilometres were disqualified in the last 400 metres. While the chief judge behaved like a demented traffic warden, circling the stadium waving his red disqualification disc, calls for race walking to lose its championship licence filled the air.

A race walker must keep in his head two rules: never break contact with the ground and straighten the support leg "for at least one moment when in the vertical upright position". Obey both or be disqualified.

In the programme for the Race Walking Association (RWA) annual national championships in Horsham on Saturday, a reminder of the rules was printed but it did Maddocks, poor chap, no good. He was disqualified while leading, three hours into the 50 kilometres race.

The walking controversy is as old as the discipline itself. When walking made its Olympic debut nearly 90 years ago, the first two home in both events, the men's 1,500 and 3,000 metres, were disqualified for lifting (breaking contact with the ground).

It was booted out of the 1928 Olympics and, but for British protests, it would have been dumped again in 1976.

British walking had been through a golden age, with Olympic victories by Tommy Green, Harold Whitlock, Don Thompson and Ken Matthews. When word came that it was to be dropped again, the RWA and the British Amateur Athletic Board mounted a "Keep Race Walking in the Olympics" campaign.

But now, British walking has gone weak at the knees. The entire back page of the programme on Saturday was devoted to an appeal to "Support Our Sport". It said that numbers in walking continue to dwindle. There are only about 400 race walkers in Britain, including the minors.

Thank goodness, says race walking, for people like Amy Hales, who says she enjoys it as much as running. She is the new under-11 national champion and has a brother, Matthew, who, according to their mother, Wendy: "Saw it as a five-year-old and said: 'I would like to do that'."

Perhaps by the time Amy and Matthew have grown up, walking will have solved its problems. If instances of lifting could be reduced, and if the perception that competitors are running could be eliminated, the ridicule would stop. Moves are afoot to stop illegal foot moves.

Sensors fitted to walking shoes to save judging from its arbitrary nature may be on the way. Dennis Furlong, a Canadian technologist, is coming to Britain a fortnight hence to demonstrate what he believes could be the breakthrough to keep walking from the noose.

"It is based on a battery that emits radio signals and detects flight phase," Paul Warburton, who has arranged the demonstration, said. "Walking has got to be seen to be addressing some of the criticism people have levelled at it," he added.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the one that its president, Primo Nebiolo, calls The Athletics Family, betrayed its walking brethren in Stuttgart. It was a farce of the IAAF's own making. An experienced British chief judge was replaced at late notice by a flappable Italian one and the chaotic scenes in the stadium occured because four 16-year-old cyclists out on the course, half the number asked for by the governing body's walking committee, were used to carry messages of infringements to the chief judge at the stadium.

Not even fresh 16-year-old cyclists but ones who had performed the same toil for the men's marathon the day before; and the women's marathon that very morning. "The IAAF spends millions of pounds and we get four kids who have done two marathons," Peter Marlow, the IAAF's technical expert on walking, said despairingly.

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The result was that the messages did not reach the chief judge quickly enough to eliminate the walkers before they entered the stadium. Nor was Marlow, or one of his kind, used as a troubleshooter before the championships. Marlow argues that, by disqualifying athletes outside the arena, the damage to walking's reputation would have been minimal. On the principle that shop-soiled goods should never make the window, the IAAF failed in its duty. Other sports take the rough with the smooth — you can get three dismissals in a football match but might still see 80 minutes of exhilarating play — but walking only makes the television screens for a few minutes a year, mostly with coverage of the lap of the arena.

Maddocks was as sick as one of those patients that might be seen at his friend's mobile veterinary unit. How did he feel about what happened in Stuttgart, this man who, with three Olympic Games, three world championships and six World Cups behind him, has been to more big championships than Linford Christie?

"A mixture of frustration and annoyance," Maddocks said. "I was frustrated that what should have been a fabulous race was overshadowed by controversy. I was annoyed because some of the leading walkers took too many liberties and because I was tarred with the same brush."

The point Maddocks is making is that walkers do not cheat with intent, they merely lose concentration. "The walkers in Stuttgart were not applying themselves technically," he said.

With a group of 18 still together only three kilometres from the finish, they became sloppy in the fight for honours. In any case, lifting at that level does not help, the experts say. Time in the air is time wasted. "It's like downhill skiing," Richard Pannell, Maddocks's adviser, said.

An fact often overlooked by ill-informed parties, particularly when referring to photographs of walkers who have broken contact with the ground, is that disqualification comes only after the third offence, the third red card. And red cards are usually preceded by warnings.

Maddocks was angry that he was not afforded the courtesy of warnings on Saturday. After 30 kilometres of clean walking, he was hit with three red cards when his concentration waned while worrying about his feet hurting.

He stood disconsolate in the splendid grounds of Christ's Hospital sixteenth century public school, where the championships were staged. It was a beautiful autumnal afternoon on which race walking could enjoy a rare day in the sun.

Shortly before 1pm, the Christ's Hospital band, in keeping with daily tradition, assembled outside in the quadrangle, waiting to burst into life to signal lunchtime. Then off they went, the 60-strong marching band playing in tune and walking in near-perfect step. I cannot be sure but I do not think any one of them was lifting.

RESULTS: Men's 50km: 1, L Morton (Sheffield), 4hr 03min 55sec; 2, S Martindale (York Postal), 4:12:00; 3, S Johnson (Splon) 4:34:16. Women's 20km: 1, E Cathren (Solihull and Small Heath), 1:45:11; 2, V Lupton (Sheffield), 1:47:11; 3, J Drake (Brighton and Hove), 1:48:48.

League plans to survive without sponsor

Colin McQuillan on on why recession has forced squash back to an original idea

THE economic recession has brought the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) national league, which starts its tenth season in Manchester, Cardiff and Corringham tonight, to an enforced fulfilment of its originators' intentions.

Ten years ago, the premier division was organised primarily to provide intense regular competition for leading British players often shut out of an international tournament structure contrived to favour the world's top 16.

Commercial support, first from American Express and then from Pimm's took the financial base to a different stratum.

British players gained their competitive exposure, with the benefits showing in the presence of more than a dozen in the world's top 30 and three in the top 10, but it was mostly achieved behind the blanket importation of overseas stars.

"Effectively we are subsidising our foreign competition into our own domestic market," Peter Marshall, the England No. 1, said when a ban on overseas players was unsuccessfully mooted a couple of seasons ago. "They used the league to pay expenses and establish a base to play the European circuit."

The SRA decided to press on without a replacement sponsor. "The clubs want the national league and this year we have widened the first division to north and south frameworks to place 16 squads at the elite, levels of a competition that embraces 50,000 players across the country," Andrew Shelley, the league administrator, said.

"We have a complete pyramid structure with the theoretical possibility of a club side climbing from the smallest county competition into the six-team premier division. We would be crazy to let it lapse because the sponsor disappeared."

It was not just the sponsor who disappeared. The only Australian in the premier division is Mark Carlyon, playing at second string behind Simon Parke at Village Manchester.

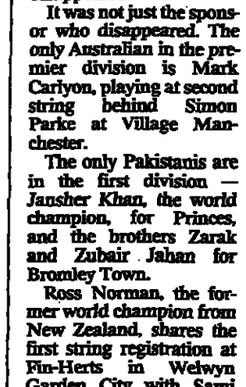
The only Pakistanis are in the first division — Jansher Khan, the world champion, for Princes, and the brothers Zarak and Zubair Jahan for Bromley Town.

Ross Norman, the former world champion from New Zealand, shares the first string registration at Fin-Herts in Welwyn Garden City with Sami Elopuro, the Finnish No 1, but otherwise the premier division is entirely domestic in its leadership.

The top two Englishmen, Peter Marshall and Chris Walker, head a cast of national No 1s among Leekes Wizards in Cardiff: Hansi Wiens of Germany, Mark Maclean of Scotland and Adrian Davies of Wales.

Philip Whitlock, the Devon champion whose business is in Manchester, leads a Manchester Northern squad that includes Craig Van der Wath of South Africa and Derek Ryan of Ireland.

Tony Hands, first reserve in the England squad for next month's world championships is first string for Rackets Club in Corringham, Essex, and Stephen Meads leads the Lingfield line-up.



Norman: foreign leader

East Grinstead happy with draw

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Old Loughtonians 0

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

EAST Grinstead had the satisfaction of holding Old Loughtonians to a goalless draw at home on Saturday in the first division of the Pizza Express national hockey league. With a little luck, they may have even snatched victory in the last seven minutes against their more experienced opponents.

In that final spell, the alertness of Seaton in the Old Loughtonians goal averted a score from three successive short corners. A couple of minutes earlier, Seaton had been stranded only to be reprieved as Bhatti just missed the far post from Stuart Head's cross-pass.

East Grinstead's middle line was, as usual, well controlled by Jason Lee, from the British Olympic team in Barcelona last year, but they have lost a number of senior players, including Leman, who has retired.

Nevertheless, while East Grinstead were satisfied with their point and the progress of their younger players, notably Barnes, in defence, and Gibson, in attack, it would have been a travesty of justice had they won. Old Loughtonians were clearly superior in the first half, twice missing the mark from short corners. Barker, who scored five goals in last Sunday's 7-0 defeat of Welton, set up a good chance in the twelfth minute for Krishman, whose shot went over the top. Barker himself missed the target in the nineteenth minute and Morrison's shot in the 32nd minute was well saved by Luckes.

Both sides failed to transform industry into a clear-cut pattern, particularly during an untidy first half, and by the end of the day Old Loughtonians had squandered nine short corners and East Grinstead six.

Neither thought it necessary to introduce substitutes, even though, more often than not, they bring about a change of fortune.

EAST GRINSTEAD: D Luckes; R Bloomer, B Barnes, D Mullins, M Blosham, J Lee, M Zander, P Head, S Head, M Bhatti, R Gibson.
OLD LOUGHTONIANS: A Seaton; S Ashton, J Halls, I Morrison, D Allen, C Hector, N Barker, A Philpot, N Thompson, P Krishman, C Gladman.
Umpires: R Ford, P Worrall (both Southern Counties).

Hounslow leading challengers again

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

IN THE course of two weeks, the first division of the Pizza Express national hockey league seems to have settled into a familiar pattern with Hounslow, the champions, Southgate and Havant the only teams holding maximum points.

Hounslow had few problems at home against Trojans, whom they defeated 4-1 with an early goal from Crutchley, two from Robert Thompson and another by Gordon before Julian Archer replied for Trojans.

In the televised match at Birmingham University, Southgate hit a post four times before scoring twice without reply against Bournville, who were without the injured Conway. Attala converted a short corner in the 42nd minute and Welch followed up with the second goal 15 minutes later.

Havant had an exciting match at home against Indian Gymkhana, who scored first in the 21st minute through Bugsy Soor before Hill replied for Havant in the 31st minute from a short corner. Seven minutes later, Hill scored his second from a penalty stroke for a 2-1 win.

Teddington, the most likely team to challenge the leaders, achieved a 3-1 victory at home over Reading with goals by McGuire from a penalty stroke, Gibbins and Hauck. Osborn scored for Reading four minutes from the end from a penalty stroke.

Goals by Knott, in the eighth minute, and Sherwani, eight minutes before the end, secured a 2-0 away win for Stourport over Canterbury. Laxon scored twice for Slough in a 3-2 victory over Bromley, whose goals were obtained by Henderson and Warren, from a penalty stroke. A goal in the 16th minute sufficed to give Welton a 1-0 home victory over Firebrands.

In the second division, Oxford University lost 2-1 to Surbiton, Notton and Molloy scoring for Surbiton and Bloor for Oxford. A goal in the 63rd minute by Beswick enabled Neston to draw 1-1 with Beeston, for whom Longden scored in the seventh minute.

Slough replace Ipswich in lead

BY ALIX RAMSAY

HOCKEY'S top three clubs in the women's national league all had a chance to pull away from the rest of the premier division on Saturday, but none could stamp their authority in the early stages of the championship race. Slough ousted Ipswich from the top spot, drawing 1-1 with Leicester, but claim first position only on goal difference, while Ipswich dropped to third position after losing 1-0 at home to Sutton Coldfield.

Ipswich were crowded out by a determined Sutton side still riding a wave of confidence after their win over Hightown the previous week. Sutton were forced to defend for much of the first half as Ipswich came powering forward with Dixon and Lister trying to break through the stubborn Sutton defence, packed with a sea of sticks.

Focusing all their attentions on the Sutton goal, it was always on the cards that Ipswich would be caught on the break and, with the nimble Sixsmith heading the Sutton forward line, she gave the champions warning of what was to come. Sutton made the inevitable breakthrough, midway through the second half, when Swinnerton cracked in a penalty corner.

Slough found themselves struggling for much of the first half against Leicester. With Gordon and Laird worrying the Slough defence, Leicester forced their opponents to concede a penalty stroke, which Laird converted after 26 minutes.

Yet Slough, champions for the first three years of the league, reorganised themselves, pulled Brown back as sweeper to shore up the defence and equalised in the second half. An aerial ball from Brown found Hobley, who scored her fourth goal of the season.

Elsewhere, Hightown and Chelmsford won for the first time this season. Hightown beat Clifton 2-1 with goals from Marsden and Newcombe, Williams pulling one back for Clifton, while Chelmsford came back from an early Trolove goal to beat Ealing 2-1, their goals scored by Bollington and Green.

Endeavour closes in on first-leg record

By Barry Pickthall

NEW Zealand Endeavour, the Whitbread maxi yacht skippered by Grant Dalton, is back on track to break the record for the first, 5,500-mile transatlantic stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race from Southampton to Punta del Este, Uruguay.

After averaging more than 13 knots during the past 24 hours, Dalton's crew are likely to clip almost a day off the record of 25 days and 12 hours set four years ago by Peter Blake's Steinlager II. The strong running conditions have also helped Endeavour's crew to open their lead over Chris Dickson's front-running 60-footer, Tokio, to 56 miles and stretch their advantage over Pierre Fehlmann's rival maxi, Merit Cup, to 98 miles.

The only blot on Dalton's horizon is the possibility of a front moving up from the south later today which could kill off the strong north-easterly winds and replace them after a period of calm, with lighter, south-easterly headwinds. However, forecasters expect the breeze to swing north-east again tomorrow, and build back up to 25 knots or more, thereby pushing the rest of the fleet into Punta del Este at a fast rate.

Yesterday, Dalton reported a wild night, when Endeavour reached a top speed of 25.6 knots and rarely dropped below 15 knots. "It was knife-edge sailing as we charged through an inky black night pushing the boat very hard," he said. "We're determined to hang onto our lead."

To maintain it, the stand-by watch on Endeavour has been working just as hard as the on-watch. "Watch captain Kevin Shoebridge is making running repairs to a corner of one sail by hand while Tony Rae and Brad Jackson have the sewing machine set up in the galley repairing another," Dalton said.

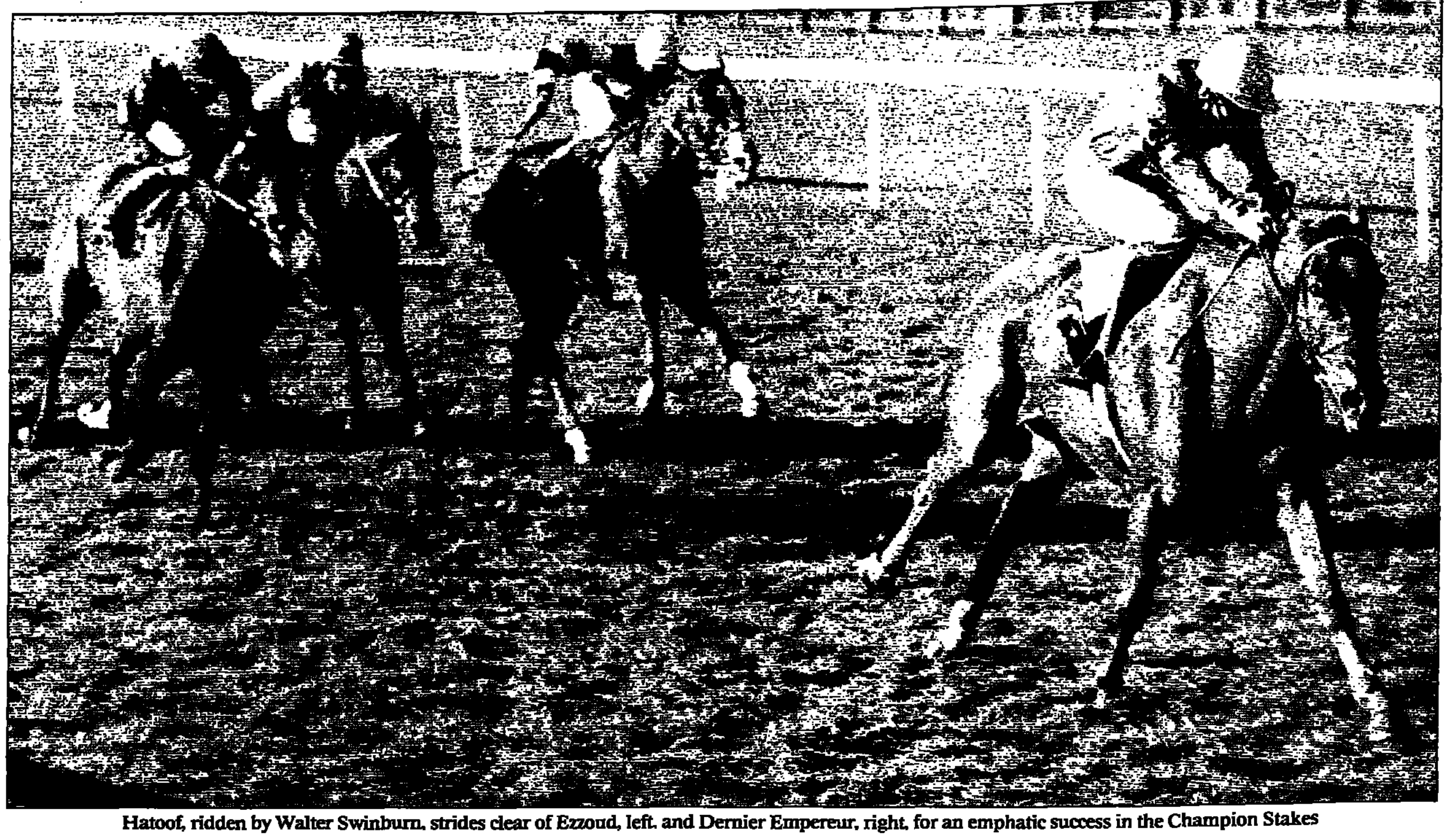
La Poste, the French maxi skippered by Daniel Malle which was handicapped a week after the start by a bent mizzen mast, is continuing to lose ground on the leaders, but the Whitbread 60s chasing Tokio continue to keep the pressure up. Dennis Conner clocked 343.2 miles in 24 hours, but was overtaken by Ross Field's New Zealand entry, Yamaha, which had moved two miles ahead yesterday afternoon. Galicia 93, the Spanish entry skippered by Javier de la Gandar, which had been lying second last week, lost out badly over the weekend after heading offshore in search of stronger winds, and is now lying fourth, 25 miles behind Winston.

Another to lose out with that tactic has been Roger Nilson's European entry, Intrum Justitia, and she is now heading back inshore again. Brooksfield and Dolphin & Youth Challenge appear to be enjoying a close tussle. The two yachts are believed to have crossed tracks yesterday morning and are separated by only one or two miles.

Nance Frank and her crew aboard the US Women's Challenge have dropped a hundred miles behind these two, but are maintaining a similar lead over Eugene Platon's Ukrainian entry, Hetman Sahaidachny.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): Maxi class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 631 mls; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 729; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 905; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 1,299. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 687; 2, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 771, 3, Winston (D Conner, US), 773; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova, (J de la Gandara, Sp), 804; 5, Intrum Gustitia (R Nilson, Eur), 859, 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 1,092, 7, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It) 1,095 (estimate), 8, US Women's Challenge (N Frank, US), 1,1909, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr), 1,315; 10 Odessa Moscow Times (A Verba, Ukr), 3,436.

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Hatoof, ridden by Walter Swinburn, strides clear of Ezzoud, left, and Dernier Empereur, right, for an emphatic success in the Champion Stakes

Hatoof's victory heralds benefits for all

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THE charity for handicapped children which is to receive the best part of £300,000 in prize-money earned by the first two home in Saturday's Dubai Champion Stakes, is not the only body which has reason to be thankful to Maktoum Al-Maktoum. The racing public is also in his debt.

No sooner had the head of the Maktoum family decided upon the charitable gesture in the winner's enclosure at Newmarket, than he confirmed that the horses in question, Hatoof and Ezzoud, would remain in training next year as five-year-olds.

Not so long ago, if the sport's followers blinked they risked missing the best Flat horses as they were whisked away to stud at the end of their three-year-old careers. A fall in bloodstock prices and, it must be said, a refreshing change in attitude among the big players, now means spectators can get to know stars of the Flat in the same way they get attached to stalwarts of the jumping game.

The prospect of Commander In Chief, the Epsom Derby winner, Hatoof, Ezzoud and Lochsong — to mention just four of older brigade set to race again next year — can only benefit the sport and enhance its appeal.

Michael Goodbody, general manager to Maktoum Al-Maktoum, reflected yesterday: "At the end of the day, the fun of having horses is to win races, particularly top races. If you have horses with the potential to do that it makes sense to keep them in training."

In my view, the never-in-doubt three-length success of Hatoof on Saturday should be rated as the performance of the season, alongside Zafonic's stunning 2,000 Guineas victory and Lochsong's devastating sprint in Paris on Arc day.



White: memorable win

Criquette Head, who had celebrated becoming a grandmother for the first time 24 hours before travelling to Newmarket, immediately rated Hatoof as good, if not better, than the best horses to have passed through her Chantilly yard, including Ravinella, Ma Biche, Three Troikas and Bering.

"Walter Swinburn said he has never won a big race so easily. I had the same feeling. She was travelling so easily. What I would like to do is win the Arc with her. Why not? It looks as though she will get the trip the way she ran today," she said.

Swinburn added: "She's great and a mile and a half will be no problem. She is easier to ride now, having settled down a bit. She is clearly at her best in the autumn."

Head indicated she would prefer Hatoof not to race again this year and to be saved for next season. There is a possibility she could go for the Breeders' Cup Turf, while that race or the Breeders' Cup Classic is a possibility for Ezzoud. A decision will be made within the week.

The combination of three inches of rain leading up to the three-day Champion Stakes meeting and almost 400 runners meant the ground was far from perfect by Saturday afternoon. One person not complaining was the trainer John White.

The rough ground, which was still on the dead side despite 48 hours of sun and wind, was still soft enough for Aahsaylad, who came from near last to first to land the Cesarewitch.

A mighty gamble on Hasten To Add looked like being landed when Sir Mark Prescott's giant grey fought back to head My Patriarch inside the final furlong. No sooner had he regained the lead than the Barry Hills-trained Ritto came with what looked like to be a perfectly-timed run.

However, within the shadow of the post, John Williams produced the seven-year-old Aahsaylad for a memorable victory. The dual-purpose horse will now return to hurdling and White has no doubts about his chances of reaching the top in the jumping game.

"You may have just seen the Stayers' Hurdle winner," he said. "Anyone who disagrees and wishes to lay us 20-1 is welcome to do so."

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

REIMS, France: Reims marathon: Men: 1, V Rousseau (Bel), 2hr 09min 13sec; 2, L Bebio (Pol), 2:10:24; 3, S Gurny (Pol), 2:10.31, 4, G Marko (Rom), 2:13.07; 5, L Shvetsov (Russ), 2:14.07. Women: 1, J Nagy (Hun), 2:32:07; 2, L Milo (Bel) 2:34:12, 3, A Farkas (Hun), 2:35:19, 4, L Belayeva (Russ), 2:36:57; 5, I Zatorska (Pol), 2:38:22

PEKING: Beijing marathon: Men: 1, H Gangjun (China), 2hr 10min 57sec; 2, T Daisuke (Japan), 2:11:09, 3, B Densamo (Eth), 2.12.11, 4, S Moneghetti (Aus), 2:13:56; 5, T Hiroaki (Japan), 2.16.32. Women: 1, L Yemei (China), 2:30.36, 2, Wang Xiuling (China), 2:32:03; 3, Y Danson (GB), 2.32:42; 4, R Hongmin (China), 2.37:42; 5, Wu Mei (China), 2.39:08

BADMINTON

AARHUS: Danish Open: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) bt Zhilan Hu (China), 15-4, 15-1, P Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt T Johansson (Swe), 15-8, 17-14, D Hall (Eng) bt S Nielsen (Den), 15-11, 18-14, J Olsson (Swe) bt P Espersen (Den), 15-7, 15-12. Semi-finals: Olsson bt Stuer-Lauridsen, 8-15, 15-12, 15-6, Hoyer-Larsen bt Hall, 15-5, ret. Final: Hoyer-Larsen bt Olsson, 15-11, 15-2. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: J-H Christensen and T Lund (Den) bt Yo Qi and Jiang Xin (China), 15-4, 15-6, H Svarrer and J Laugesen (Den) bt P Axelsson and P-G Jonsson (Swe), 7-15, 15-11, 18-14. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: C Martin (Den) bt S Lianfang (China), 11-1, 11-4, Y Zhaoyang (China) bt E Magnusson (Swe), 11-1, 11-7 L Yuhong (China) bt P Nedergaard Jessen (Den), 12-11, 11-6, J Muggeridge (Eng) bt L Soerensen (Den), 11-6, 11-1 Semi-finals: Zhaoyang bt Martin, 12-9, 12-9, Yuhong bt Muggeridge, 5-11, 11-6 11-1 Final: Zhaoyang bt Yuhong, 11-8 11-1 Women's doubles: Semi-finals: Y Koiko and T Hiroto (Japan) bt A Mette and B-M Thomsen (Den), 5-15, 15-8, 17-14, L Stuer-Lauridsen and L Olsen (Den) bt L Tampi and Finarsih (Indo), 15-12, 17-16. Mixed doubles: Final: T Lund (Den) and C Bengtsson (Swe) bt J E Antonsson and A Crabo (Swe), 15-4, 15-4

BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES: Toronto Blue Jays 8, Philadelphia Phillies 5 (in Toronto. Toronto lead best-of-seven series, 1-0)

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham Bullets 85, Blue Circle Worthing Bears 91, Guildford Kings 87, Sunderland-Scorpions 79; Hemel Hempstead Royals 89, Moor Windows Derby Bucks 96 London Towers 96, Thames Valley Tigers 80, Oldham Celtic 68, Leicester City Riders 93

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Second round: Coventry Flyers 76, Chiltern Fastbreak, 40, Northampton Eight-Niners 57, Sheffield Forgers 88; Solent Stars 95, Guildford Kings 88; Stevenage Pheonix 90, Stockton Mohawks 94.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Barking and Dagenham Bobcats 59, Nottingham Wildcats 43: Northampton Seventy-Sixers 61, Avesta Sheffield Hatters 60. Second division: London Heat 87, Luton ACCS 49; Plymouth Bracers 48, Spelthorn Acers 66; Sunderland Ladies 48, Doncaster Free Press 46

BOXING

BELFAST: Vacant WBO welterweight championship: E Loughran (Ballymena) bt L Smith (US), pts. Super-middle (8 rnds) R Close (Belfast) bt R Domenge (US), rsc 4th rnd. Light-heavy (6 rnds). N Magee (Belfast) bt J Kaighin (Swansea), pts, R Kane (Belfast) bt J O'Neil (Swansea), pts, G Tshabalabala (SA) bt B J Edwards (Manchester), rsc 5th rnd.

HAIFA: IBF lightweight championship: J A Lashin (Isr, holder) bt H Ramirez (Mex), rsc 6th rnd

LAKE TAHOE, Nevada: IBF super-bantamweight championship: K McKinney (US, holder) bt J Saiud (US), pts.

EQUESTRIANISM

LISBON: Nations Cup: 1, Spain, 16pts, 2, Britain (Countryside, A Newsham; Dun Equity, K Shore, Valaria, Z Bates, Townhead Gambado, Richard Barton), 23, equal 3, Switzerland and France, 24.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian Zone: South Korea 3, Iran 0 (in Qatar)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich 2, Bristol Rovers 1

DUTCH LEAGUE: Roda JC Kerkrade 2, Vitesse Arnhem 1.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians 1, Shelbourne 0.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Wattenscheid 2, Cologne 2 Duisburg 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Dynamo Dresden 1, Karlsruhe 1

AFRICAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-final, first leg: National SC (Egypt) 3, El Kanemi Warriors (Nigeria) 0 Jomo Cosmos (South Africa) 1, Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey 6, NY Islanders 3 Philadelphia 4 NY Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 5, Hartford 3 Washington 4, Buffalo 3 Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 1, Dallas 4 St Louis 0 Toronto 2, Detroit 1, Vancouver 3 Edmonton 2, Quebec 5, Montreal 2 Winnipeg 1, Chicago 0 (OT) Boston 1, San Jose 1 (OT). Los Angeles 8, Calgary 4

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham 7, Humberside 4, Sheffield 2, Whitley 6; Bracknell 3, Murrayfield 8, Basingstoke 9, Billingham 6 Cardiff 7 Fife 6 First division: Slough 13, Trafford 4, Streatham 7, Paisley 6, Swindon 11, Medway 6 Chelmsford 4, Guildford 11, Dumfries 7, Milton Keynes 16

LACROSSE

MALVERN: Midlands Territory Schoolgirls Tournament: Senior: 1, Malvern 2, Moreton Hall, Oswestry. Second XII: 1 Wycombe Abbey; 2, Malvern Girls College. 3, St Helens and St Katharines, Abingdon Under 15, 1, Moreton Hall, 2, Alice Ottley Worcester

REFEREES' TROPHY: Mersey 10, Stockport 4 (at Didsbury).

NETBALL

ENGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham 40, Middlesex 44 Hampshire North 36, Mid Hampshire 44, East Essex 32, Essex Met 59, Surrey 44, Bedfordshire 51. Second division: Humberside 51, Derbyshire 55; Hertfordshire 56, Nottinghamshire 52; Cheshire 40, Kent 42, West Yorkshire 38, East Dorset 33 Third division: Warwickshire 48, Northamptonshire 37, Sussex 41, South Durham 52, Gloucestershire 58, South Yorkshire 34 Fourth division: Cambridgeshire 50, Cornwall 46 Shropshire 47, North Buckinghamshire 46; South Buckinghamshire 47, Worcester 48, South Staffordshire 28, Suffolk 49 Fifth division: Greater Manchester 40, East Hants 41; Merseyside 34, Wiltshire 37, Norfolk 45, Somerset 45, Berkshire 44, Oxfordshire 33 Sixth division: West Dorset 33, Leicestershire 34; Staffordshire 35, Herefordshire 25

REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAU: French Open: First round: Quarter-finals: C Bray (GB) bt H Latham (GB), 6-2, 6-0, 6-3, J Howell (GB) bt W Davies (Aus), 6-5, 6-5 6-5, F Filippelli (Aus) bt J Snow, 5-6, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3, Fahey bt Devine, 6-3, 6-1 6-0

BOWLS

HOUGUE DE POMMIER: Randall Guinness international match: Ireland bt Guernsey, 14-8 (Guernsey names first): Triples: R Anthony, P Ingrouille, M Nicolle bt I McClure, N Booth, S Adamson, 19-10; J Queripel, A Welch, K Mellor lost to R Miller, A McMullan, N Graham, 12-13. Pairs: Anthony and Nicholle bt McClure and Adamson, 26-7; Queripel and Mellor bt McMullan and Graham, 22-21. Welch and Ingrouille lost to Miller and Booth, 19-20. Singles: Anthony lost to Graham, 2-7, 5-7, 4-7, Mellor lost to Adamson, 8-7, 6-7, 1-7. Queripel lost to Booth, 0-7, 7-5, 6-7, 2-7; Welch bt McClure, 7-1, 7-1, 2-7, 5-7, 7-2; Nicolle lost to Miller, 1-7, 7-2, 5-7, 7-3, 4-7, Ingrouille lost to McMullan, 7-4, 5-7, 7-1, 4-7, 0-7.

GOLF

NAPLES, Florida: Women's tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 211: D Mochrie, 72, 71, 68 213: L Merten, 70, 71, 72, 214: S Steinhauer, 78, 69, 67, N Lopez, 70, 75, 69, M Mallon, 67, 74, 73. 216: D Andrews, 72, 74, 70, H Kobayashi (Japan), 70, 75, 71; L Davies (GB), 72, 72, 72, M McGann, 69, 74, 73, 217: B King, 73, 71, 73 218: H Alfredsson (Swe), 78, 67, 73 220: B Burton, 77, 73, 70, R Jones, 76, 73, 71 221: T Green, 76 74, 71, T Johnson (GB), 70, 76, 75

SAN ANTONIO: Texas Open: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 199: J Haas, 68, 65, 66 T Lehman, 71, 63, 65; B Lohr, 68, 64, 67 D Forsman, 64, 68, 67, 200: D Edwards, 68 66, 66 201: B Estes, 66, 71, 64 T Kite, 66, 70, 65, M Dawson, 65, 69, 67 202: M Standly, 66, 71, 65, S Hoch 68, 66 68 L Wadkins, 64, 70, 68 G Morgan, 66, 66 70 203: D Ogrin, 70, 66, 67, R Fehr, 66, 69, 68 J Thorpe, 69, 66, 68 204: M Schuchart, 71, 68 65 J Kane 66, 70, 68, M Wiebe 64, 70, 70, S Gump, 67, 67, 70

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Poole 63 Eastbourne 45 Arena Essex 54 Coventry 54 Belle Vue 57, Wolverhampton 51, Coventry 64, Reading 44 Kings Lynn 62, Cradley Heath 46 Second division: Edinburgh 55, Rye House 53, Middlesbrough 80, Sheffield 28 Peterborough 58 Swindon 50

SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP. Final, first leg: Bradford 58, Arena Essex 50

PHONESPORT KNOCKOUT CUP: Final, first leg: Swindon 54 Glasgow 54

STARS OF TOMORROW (at Berwick) 1, P Pickering (Middlesbrough), 14pts 2, M McCluskey (Edinburgh) 12, 3, C Readshaw (Middlesbrough), 11

SQUASH

VIENNA: European champion of champions tournament: Finals: Men: P Nicol (Scot) bt H Wiens (Ger) 5-9 9-6 4-9, 9-4, 9-5 Women: S Wright (Eng) bt R O Callaghan (Ire), 9-7, 9-6, 9-2

PHILADELPHIA: Rolex US Open championships: Men: Semi-finals: R Eyles (Aus) bt A F Khan (Hong Kong), 15-13, 10-15, 15-3, 15-9, P Lord (Eng) bt A Hill (Aus), 13-15, 15-13, 15-11, 15-4 Women: Semi-finals: C Jackman (Eng) bt R Macree (Eng), 9-2, 9-2, 9-0, S Horner (Eng) bt F Geaves (Eng), 3-7, 9-5, 9-5

TABLE TENNIS

PARIS GRAND PRIX: Group A: J-O Waldner (Swe) bt P Chila (Fr), 2-1, Wang Tao (China) bt P Chila (Fr), 2-1, Wang bt Waldner, 2-0 Group placings: 1, Wang; 2, Waldner; 3, Chila. Group B: O Marmurek (Fr) bt Kim Taek Soo (S Korea), 2-0; Ma Wenge (China) bt Kim, 2-0; Marmurek bt Ma, 2-1. Group placings: 1, Marmurek; 2, Ma; 3, Kim. Group C: 1, J-M Saive (Bel) bt D Eloi (Fr), 2-0; A Grubba (Pol) bt Saive, 2-1; Saive bt Eloi, 2-0. Group placings: 1, Grubba; 2, Saive; 3, Eloi. Group D: J-P Gatien (Fr) bt C Legout (Fr), 2-0; Gatien bt J Rosskopf (Ger), 2-1; Rosskopf bt Legout, 2-0. Group placings: 1, Gatien; 2, Rosskopf; 3, Legout. Quarter-finals: Rosskopf bt Wang, 3-1, Saive bt Marmurek, 3-0; Grubba bt Ma, 3-1; Waldner bt Gatien, 3-1 Semi-finals: Saive bt Rosskopf, 3-2, Waldner bt Grubba, 3-1. Final: Waldner bt Saive, 3-0

TENNIS

TOKYO: Men's tournament: Singles: Semi-finals: T Martin (US) bt G Rusedski (Can), 7-6, 8-3, I Lendl (US) bt P Haarhuis (Hol), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 Final: Lendl bt Martin, 6-4, 6-4 Doubles: Semi-finals G Connell (Can) and P Galbraith (US) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 6-1, L Jensen and M Jensen (US) bt P McEnroe and R Reneberg (US), 6-4, 1-6, 7-6. Final: Connell and Galbraith bt L and M Jensen, 6-3, 6-4.

MONTPELLIER, France: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: J Husarova (Cz) bt E Callens (Bel), 6-4, 6-3; D Monami (Bel) bt M McGrath (US), 7-6, 6-4, S Appelmans (Bel) bt B Schett (Austria), 6-2, 7-5 Semi-finals: Monami bt Appelmans, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, E Lichovsteva (Kaz) bt Husarova, 6-0, 6-0

BOLZANO, Italy: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: O Delaitre (Fr) bt D Prinosil (Ger), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; J Stark (US) bt T Golwitzer (Ger), 7-6, 6-4; A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt T Johannsson (Swe), 7-6, 6-7 6-2 Semi-finals C Pioline (Fr) bt Olhovskiy, 6-3, 7-5, Stark bt Delaitre, 6-3, 6-0 Final: Stark bt Pioline, 6-3, 6-2

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Pierce (Fr) bt B Rittner (Ger), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; N Zvereva (Belo) bt M Navratilova (US), 6-3, 7-6, Z Garrison-Jackson (US) bt C Martinez (Sp), 7-6, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr), 6-2, 6-3 Semi-finals: Zvereva bt Tauziat, 4-6 7-6, 6-3, Pierce bt Garrison-Jackson, 6-2, 6-2 Final: Pierce bt Zvereva, 6-3, 6-3

TEL AVIV: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals, T Muster (Austria) bt G Bloom (Isr), 7-6, 7-5; 3 Pescosolido (It) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 7-5, 2-6, 6-0 Semi-finals: Pescosolido bt Muster, 7-6, 1-6, 7-6, A Mansdorf (Isr) bt A Cherkasov (Russ), 6-3, 6-0

BRIGHTON: Autoglass Classic women's tournament: Singles: First qualifying round: M Bollegraf (Holl) bt M Marr (GB), 6-1, 6-0, R Jensen (US) bt L Jeffs (GB), 6-4, 6-3, M Lindstom (Swe) bt M Hughes (GB), 6-2, 6-3, E Bond (GB) bt H Hogh (Ger), 6-1, 6-0, A Mall (US) bt L Woodroffe (GB), 6-2, 6-2; C Salvi (It) bt C Hunt (GB), 6-2, 6-3 K Hand (GB) bt C Billingham (GB), 6-2, 6-4, K Cross (GB) bt C Schneider (Ger), 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, E DeLone (US) bt L Ahl (GB), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

OPOLE, Poland: International women's tournament: Poland bt Canada, 3-0 Ukraine bt France, 3-2

NEUQUEN, Argentina: World Championships: American qualifying tournament: Men: Argentina bt Venezuela, 3-0, Peru bt Bolivia, 3-1

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Klea Leeds 2, Whitfield Sportset 3; Newcastle Staffs 3, Tooting Aquila 2, Reebok Liverpool 3 Wessex 2, Mizuno Malory Lewsham 3, Colonia Ealing 1 Women: First division: Purbrook Portsmouth 0, Britannia Music City 3, Ashcombe Guildford Spectrums 3, Wessex 0, Dynamo London 0, Sale 3; Woolwich Brixton 3, Klea Leeds 1

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's international

Great Britain 17 New Zealand 0

Great Britain: Tries: Robinson 2, Devereux. Goals: Davies 2. Dropped goal: Davies Att: 36,131.

(at Wembley Stadium)

Stones Bitter Championship
Second division

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Huddersfield	7	7	0	0	199	86	14
Workington	7	6	0	1	203	81	12
Keighley	7	6	0	1	196	106	12
London Crus	8	5	0	3	220	177	10
Dewsbury	7	4	1	2	243	117	9
Ryedale York	7	4	1	2	167	114	9
Barrow	7	4	0	3	187	155	8
Whitehaven	7	3	2	2	124	112	8
Batley	7	4	0	3	156	169	8
Doncaster	7	4	0	3	157	176	8
Carlisle	7	4	0	3	136	164	8
Rochdale	7	2	0	5	171	144	4
Swinton	7	1	0	6	116	203	2
Highfield	8	1	0	7	105	354	2
Hunslet	7	0	0	7	98	203	0
Bramley	7	0	0	7	71	188	0

CYCLING

LAC DE MADINE, France: World Cup: Final time-trial (62.5km). 1, A De Las Cuevas (Fr), 1hr 20min 54sec, 2, S Hodge (Aus), at 1min 02sec, 3, E Seigneur (Fr), at 1:27; 4, C Boardman (GB), at 2:39, 5, J Nydam (Holl), at 2:51; 6, P Lance (Fr), at 3:07; 7, M Fondriest (It) at 3:33, 8, E van Hooydonck (Bel), at 3:48; 9, P Meinert (Den), at 4:31, 10, L Bezault (Fr), at 4:34. Overall world title: Fondriest.

SOUTH AFRICA: Boland Bank tour: Fourth stage: C Lillywhite (GB) Team: Banana (GB)

CYCLO-CROSS: Bristol RC (Ashton Court Scramble, 8 miles) I Marchant (Team Big Foot), 52min 00sec. Abergavenny RC (Tumble Cross, 12 miles), R John (Cobra). 1hr 12min 16sec Eastbourne Rovers (Arlington, East Sussex, 10 miles) A Ford (Addiscombe), 1:07:00 Stone Wheelers (Newcastle-under-Lyme, 10 miles): N Hay (Belper), 1:00:17

TIME-TRIALS: Circuit of Goodwood (28 miles): P Rogers (VC St Raphael), 1hr 13min 40sec Team: GS Stella, 4:01:30 Hainault RC (two-up, 28 miles) K Neary and G Taylor (Leo RC), 1:06.25 VC Leeds (two-up, 25 miles): P Longbottom and S Lillistone (North Wirral Velo), 52min 01sec CC Sudbury (25 miles) E Adkins (Leo), 53:11.

HILL CLIMBS: Lancashire RC (Rake, Ramsbottom, 970 yards): 1, J Wright (North East RT), 2min 16.9sec; 2, S Dangerfield (Leo), 2:21.1; 3, S Tyson (Hartlepool), 2:26.5 Team: Manchester Wheelers, 8:20.5 Scottish championship (Falkland Hill, Fife 1.75 miles), 1, J Gladwell (Velo), 7:49.3, 2, D Gibson (Modena), 7:57.0, 3, M Firth (Bonnyrigg), 8:00.3 Team: Modena, 24:36.5 Catford CC (Yorks Hill, Kent, 660 yards): T Lawn (Kingston Wheelers), 2:03.6 Team: Redhill, 7.10.4. Bec CC (Westerham, Kent, 700 yards): G Dodd (Kingston Phoenix), 1.57.1, Team: Kingston Phoenix, 6:11.3 Plymouth Corinthian CC (Forder Valley, 954 yards) P Roberts (Plymouth Corinthian), 2.13.06. Northern Velo (Clay Bank, North Yorkshire, 1.5 miles), K Walker (Roxby Wheelers), 7:25.6. VC Nouveau (Rowlands Gill, Tyne and Wear, 1 mile): C Ash (Cectina), 3:51.0. Calder Clarion (Wakefield, 1 mile), S Bowering (Leeds), 3:39.59. West Suffolk Wheelers (Moulton, 880 yards), N Keane (Rennrad Club, Norwich), 1:44.2. Team: Sudbury, 5:35.1. Otley CC (two-stage, Norwood Edge and East Chevin, 3,160 yards): J Wright (North East RT), 8.07.1. Team: Huddersfield, 29:59.2 Chesterfield Spire RC (Rowsley Bank, 900 yards): M Harrison (SG Bollington), 3:06.7

HOCKEY

Men

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville 0, Southgate 2, Bromley 2, Slough 3; Cannock 5, St Albans 1, Canterbury 0, Stourport 2; East Grinstead 0, Old Loughtonians 0, Havant 2, Indian Gymkhana 1; Hounslow 4, Trojans 1; Teddington 3, Reading 1; Welton 1, Firebrands 0 Second division: Barford Tigers 4, Warrington 1. Beeston 1, Noston 1; Brooklands 0, Harleston Magpies 1, Cambridge City 1, Doncaster 1. Cheltenham 0, Isca 1, Edgbaston 0, Richmond 0, Guildford 7, Harborne 0, Oxford University 1, Surbiton 2, Sheffield 0, Gloucester City 4

NORTH LEAGUE: Blackburn 1, Timperley 0, Durham University 1, Ben Rhydding 4, Formby 6, Alderley Edge 0 Southport 3. York 0

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Bloxwich 3, Belper 2; Coventry and North Warwickshire 1, Worcester Norton 0; Hampton in Arden 0, Lichfield 0, Khalsa 0, Leicester Westleigh 2; Olton and West Warwickshire 4, Finchfield 0.

EAST LEAGUE: Bluehearts 8, Pelicans 0, Chelmsford 3, Cambridge University 0, Colchester 1, Bishops Stortford 3; Dereham 1, Crostyx 1; Ipswich 6, Old Southendians 0; Luton 3, Bury St Edmunds 1; Peterborough 2, Stevenage 1, Westcliff 1, Welwyn GC 1.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: First round: East: Wisbech 1, Chelmsford 4, Felixstowe 2, Broxbourne 1 (aet); Norwich City 2, Old Southendians 2 (Norwich won 5-4 on pens); Welwyn Garden City 0, Brigg 1, Colchester 1, Luton Town 3, Peterborough 0, Ipswich 1; Crostyx 6, Ramghana (Essex) 1, Dereham 2, Pelicans 2 (Dereham won 5-4 on pens) Long Sutton 1, Blueharts 4.

Midlands: Kidderminster 1, Bridgnorth 2; Bloxwich 1, Finchfield 0; Notts Gregory 3, Old Halesonians 2, Northampton Saints 1, Worcester Norton 4; Coventry and North Warwicks 3, Olton and West Warwicks 2; Barton 1, West Bridgford 3, Nottingham 1, Lichfield 0 Leicester Westleigh 0, Hampton-in-Arden 2 (aet).

North: Swalwell 0, Springfields 2, Manchester 1, Halifax 2, Alderley Edge 7 RAF Support Command 0; Formby 5, Durham University 3, Harrogate 4, Disley 1; Norton 1, Sheffield Bankers 2, Hightown-Northern 4, Wigan 0; Bacchanalians (IoM) 0, Blackburn 3; Wakefield 0, Ben Rhydding 2; Knutsford 1, York 2 (aet); Glaxo 2, Timperley 4

South: Purley 15, Bicester 0, Camberley 2, Winchmore Hill 0, Lyons 3. Middleton 2 (aet); Maidenhead 3, Tunbridge Wells 0, Old Edwardians 0, Old Kingstonians 1, Fleet 0, Hampstead and Westminster 7; Anchorians 1, Chichester 2. Old Williamsonians 1, Dulwich 1 (Old Williamsonians won 3-1 on pens). High Wycombe 2, Wincoster 0, Cheam 4, Metropolitan Police 0, City of Portsmouth 1, Wokingham 0; Tonbridge 1, Epsom 2; Tulse Hill 1, Gravesend 2; Richings Park 3, Old Merchant Tailors 1; PHC Chiswick 0, Adjutant General Pay Corps 1 (aet). Old Whitgiftians 8, Bracknell 1, Bognor 1, Mid-Sussex 2; Oxford Hawks 6, Milton Keynes 0; Eastcote 0, Gore Court 5; Weybridge Hawks 0, Fareham 3.

West: West Wilts 2, Tauntonvale 1; Bodmin 1, Hereford 2; Exeter University 4, Exeter Hornets 0; Sidmouth 0, USHC Plymouth (RN) 1; West Glos 3, Bournemouth 1.

Women

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester 1, Slough 1; Chelmsford 2, Ealing 1; Hightown 2, Clifton 1; Ipswich 0, FP Sutton Coldfield 1 Positions (after fourth series): 1, Slough, 10pts; 2, Leicester, 10; 3, Ipswich, 9 First division: Bracknell 1, Trojans 1, Doncaster 2, Pickwick 3, Exmouth 1, Bluehearts 0; Wimbledon 1, Bradford Swithenbank 1. Positions: 1, Wimbledon, 8pts, 2, Exmouth, 7; 3, Pickwick, 7 Second division: Canterbury 1, Sunderland Bedans 0; Great Harwood 1, Harleston Magpies 1; Sherwood 2, Olton WW 1; Woking 7, Colwall 0. Positions: 1, Olton, 9pts; 2, Canterbury, 7; 3, Sherwood, 6.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Aldridge 0, Crimson Ramblers 1; Hampton 0, Belper 1, Loughborough L 0, Kettering 6, Loughborough Students 4, Tamworth 0 Positions: 1, Kettering, 10pts; 2, Students, 9; 3, Aldridge, 9.

NORTH LEAGUE: Carlisle 0, Poynton 1; Chester 3, Springfields 0; Newcastle 2, Liverpool 2; York 2, Ormskirk Ford 1 Positions: 1, Poynton, 10pts, 2, Liverpool, 8, 3, Carlisle, 7

SOUTH LEAGUE: City of Portsmouth 2, Ealing B 2, Dulwich 0, Winchmore Hill 1; Guildford 1, Reading 5, West Witney 2, Camberley 0, Winchester 2, Cheam 0; Worthing 2, Southampton 1

WEST LEAGUE: Cheltenham 6, Exeter B 0; East Glos 0, Weston 0; Gloucester 2, Exeter 1; Leominster 0, Clifton B 1; Redland 2, Wimborne W 4; St Austell 2, Yate 1; Swindon 0, Bournemouth 0. Positions: 1, Cheltenham, 10pts; 2, Redland, 9,. 3, Wimborne, 8

WELSH CUP: Preliminary round: Bangor 1, Porthmadog 1 (3-0 on pens); Caernarfon 1, Llandudno 2; Caerphilly 3, Llanelli W 0; Cardiff Inst 2, Tregaron 0; Chepstow 3, Builth 0; Llanishen 0, Haverfordwest 0 (3-0 pens); Monsanto 1, Ruthin 3; Old Howardians 1, Arduchwy 1 (4-0 pens).

MOTOR CYCLING

BRANDS HATCH: Power Bike 93 races (GB unless stated): TT superbikes (1st leg, 20 laps, 24 miles): 1, J Reynolds (Kawasaki), 15min 55.05sec (90.73mph); 2, J Moodie (Norton), 15:55.39, 3, J Whitham (Yamaha), 15:55.66; 4, S Hislop (Honda), 16:03.83, 5, M Rutter (Kawasaki), 16:09.35; 6, P Graves (Ducati), 16:20.70. Fastest lap: Moodie, 46.89sec (92.40mph). Supersport 400s (20 laps). 1, Simpson (Yamaha), 16min 59.46sec; 2, A Murphy (Yamaha), 17:01.18, 3, D Bailey (Honda), 17:11.31. Fastest lap: Murphy, 50.07sec. Final championship positions: 1, Simpson, 127pts, 2, Murphy, 124; 3, I Duffus, 91. 250s (20 laps) 1, P Brown (Honda), 18min 19.2sec; 2, J Vincent (Yamaha), 16:19.25; 3, N Bosworth (Yamaha), 16:19.33. Fastest lap: L Pullan (Yamaha), 48.11sec. Final championship positions: 1, Brown, 141pts, 2, Bosworth, 123; 3, S Sawford, 86. Sidecars (20 laps) 1, G Smith and T Balaza (Honda), 17min 23.66sec; 2, M Whittington and S Birkett (Regami), 17:25.53; 3, R Nelson and M Camp (Windle), 17:26.51. Fastest lap: Smith, 51.26sec. Final championship positions: 1, M Boddice and D Wells, 103pts; 2, E Wright and R Long, 102, 3, R Hanks and T Hanks, 93

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Blackburn v Sheffield Utd (all ticket, 8.0)

Autoglass Trophy
First round
Doncaster v Rotherham

GM Vauxhall Conference
Kidderminster v Northwich (7.45)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v Bromley. League Cup: First round: Abingdon v Aldershot

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Southampton (7.0) Millwall v West Ham (2.0).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ashton United v Eastwood Town, Curzon Ashton v Workington; Guiseley v Caernarfon Town, Worksop v Harrogate.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First round, second leg: Hednesford v VS Rugby; Worcester v Trowbridge.

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round replays: Emley v Tamworth, Chelmsford City v Cambridge City.

FA CUP: Third qualifying round: Newport IOW v Newbury.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Warrington v Halifax (KO 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Reading)

SPEEDWAY: First division: Reading v Cradley Heath (7.30). Wolves v Bradford (7.30). Second division: Sheffield v Glasgow (7.30) Exeter: Speedtrap Individual (7.30)

SQUASH: National League.

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER
2.10 Spanish Whisper. 2.40 Ready Or Not. 3.10 Peaceman. 3.40 New Arrangement. 4.10 LOVE ANEW (nap). 4.40 Teen Jay.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 WALSINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,284: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1 0-0 BE THE BEST 12 John Whyte 5-12-0 ... R Davis (5)
2 13F- ELEGANT FRIEND 14F (CD,G,S) M Tompkins 5-11-13 ... P Smith Eccles (7)
3 20-1 AUVILLAR 13 (V,D,G,S) D Burchell 5-11-7 ... D J Burchell
4 3F33 WEEKDAY CROSS 26 (CD,G) J Jenkins 5-11-4 ... A Maguire
5 1-6P JOLI'S GREAT 26 (CD,G) M Ryan 5-11-1 ... J Ryan
6 14-0 SPANISH WHISPER 56 (CD,G,S) J Bostock 6-10-10 N Williamson
7 20-0 ELITE DESIGN 23 D Brennan 6-10-8 ... M Brennan
8 34-4 RUTHS PRIDE 9 (D,G) G Price 8-10-3 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
9 P2P/ WE'RE IN THE MONEY 49F (B,G) J Wharton 9-10-0 ... B Dalton
10 P0-3 NORTHERN RAINBOW 23 I Campbell 5-10-0 ... R Campbell
11 5-02 STYLISH GENT 23F (D,F,G) A Hambly 6-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
12 063- RUTH'S GAMBLE 213 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 ... J R Kavanagh

2-1 Auvillar, 7-2 Elegant Friend, 5-1 Spanish Whisper, 6-1 Weekday Cross, 8-1 Northern Rainbow, Joli's Great, 10-1 Ruths Pride, 12-1 Stylish Gent, 14-1 others.

2.40 PUDDING NORTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,528: 3m) (5)

1 222- DUO DROM 189 (CD,G) Mrs D Haine 8-11-10 ... W Marston
2 4/62- READY OR NOT 236 A Turnell 7-11-7 ... D Fortt (5)
3 5-F4 NOTARY-NOWELL 9 (B,G) F Murphy 7-11-6 ... B Murphy (3)
4 62-2 SANDAIG 11 (BF) K Bailey 7-11-0 ... A Thornton
5 /585- SMOOTH START 367 (D,F,G) A James 8-10-1 ... D Leahy

13-8 Duo Drom, 2-1 Sandaig, 7-2 Ready Or Not, 6-1 Smooth Start, 8-1 Notary-Nowell

3.10 WIMPEY HOMES NOVICES CHASE (£2,367: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 22F6- DALLISTON 227 (S) Mrs P Sly 7-11-2 ... A Carroll
2 450- HIGHLAND POACHER 205 (S) D McCain 6-11-2 ... G McCourt
3 0-22 ILEWIN 39 (F,G) J White 6-11-2 ... M Ahern
4 4R0- PEACEMAN 194 (S) Mrs D Haine 7-11-2 ... D Murphy
5 -F34 TEL E THON 25 (V,F,G) P Jones 6-11-2 ... D Leahy (5)
6 540- CHAPEL HILL 184 A Turnell 5-10-8 ... S McNeill

2-1 Peaceman, 5-2 Ilewin, 3-1 Dalliston, 5-1 Chapel Hill, 8-1 Tel E Thon, 10-1 Highland Poacher.

3.40 MICHAEL SCOTNEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,654: 2m 110yd) (10)

1 51-6 CHILD OF THE MIST 12 (CD,G,S) John Whyte 7-11-10 ... Mr M Gingell (7)
2 34/4 NEW ARRANGEMENT 23 (D,G) J Jenkins 7-11-2 S Smith Eccles
3 FR36 SALMAN 23 (CD,F,G) Mrs V Ward 7-10-10 ... R Davis (5)
4 460- SANTA PONSA BAY 84 (D,G) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-8 ... A Maguire
5 52-P MAJOR'S LAW 16 (G) I Campbell 4-10-6 ... R Campbell
6 -230 NORTHERN TRIAL 23 K Burke 5-10-3 ... R Supple
7 4-12 TAYLORS PRINCE 12 (D,BF,F,G) H Collingridge 6-10-0, V Smith
8 P-00 KEV'S LASS 9 (D,S) F Murphy 5-10-0 ... P Murphy (7)
9 1-00 HALLO MAM 23 (D,F) O Brennan 4-10-0 ... M Brennan
10 P-02 WORDY'S WONDER 2 (S) L Wordingham 5-10-0 ... R Farrant (5)

11-10 Taylors Prince, 4-1 New Arrangement, 6-1 Child Of The Mist, 8-1 Salman, Northern Trial, Hallo Mam, 12-1 others.

4.10 WEST NORFOLK FUELS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,996: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

1 531- SPREE CROSS 179 (G,S) Mrs D Haine 7-12-0 ... D Murphy
2 14-6 SIRRAH JAY 16 (D,F,G,S) K Burke 13-11-8 ... A Maguire
3 /0PP- GOLD HAVEN 333 (G) A Turnell 9-10-13 ... S McNeill
4 30-5 LOVE ANEW 23 (CD,F,G) M Dixon 8-10-11 ... N Williamson
5 1142 HIRAM B BIRDBATH 14 (B,D,BF,F,G) J Glover 7-10-9 J Osborne

9-4 Spree Cross, 11-4 Sirrah Jay, 7-2 Hiram B Birdbath, 5-1 others.

4.40 LITTLE SNORING JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,284: 2m 110yd) (14)

1 13 CONTRACT ELITE 19 (D,BF,F) C Thornton 11-3 ... D Wilkinson
2 BOLD ACRE 28F D Burchell 10-10 ... D J Burchell
3 23 CONVOY 21 (B) C Mann 10-10 ... R Dunwoody
4 O SO NEET 69F M Tompkins 10-10 ... D Murphy
5 3 SIDE BAR 14F M Ryan 10-10 ... J Ryan
6 TEEN JAY 70F (B) S Sherwood 10-10 ... J Osborne
7 P WATER DIVINER 7 F Wingrove 10-10 ... R Farrant (5)
8 0 WESTRAY 30 D Wellcome 10-10 ... A Carroll
9 ABJAR 65F P Kelleway 10-7 ... A Bates (5)
10 BITRAN 97F K Morgan 10-7 ... A S Smith
11 53 MARAT 11 (V) J Jenkins 10-7 ... S Smith Eccles
12 MULLED ALE 35F C Wall 10-5 ... R Campbell
13 LA VILLA ROSE 13F J Payne 10-2 ... A Maguire
14 MAJOR TRIUMPH 109F G Gravery 10-2 ... R J Beggan

6-4 Contract Elite, 5-2 Convoy, 5-1 Teen Jay, 7-1 Side Bar, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Ryan, 7 winners from 19 runners, 36.8%; M Tompkins, 3 from 12, 25.0%. J Jenkins, 8 from 39, 20.5%; K Bailey, 3 from 15, 20.0%. Mrs D Haine 3 from 17, 17.6%. J Bostock, 3 from 37, 8.1%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%, R Dunwoody, 6 from 22, 27.3%, A S Smith, 3 from 12, 25.0%, A Maguire, 4 from 17, 23.5%, N Williamson 4 from 17, 23.5%, D Murphy, 4 from 18, 22.2%.

□ Martin Pipe's assistant, Chester Barnes, who suffered two heart attacks on Thursday, has recovered well enough to be taken out of intensive care at Torbay Hospital. He was able to sit up in bed and watch televised coverage of the weekend racing.

Blinkered first time

NOTTINGHAM: 2.00 Sense Of Priority, 2.30 Essex Girl, 3.30 Eye Witness, 4.30 Lady Danno, 5.00 Stalia, Snowdrop Tree. FOLKESTONE: 2.50 Keyway, 3.20 Lets Go Bo, Northgate Symphony, 3.50 Forest Loch, 4.30 Lord Sky, Moorland Dancer, Radiant Dancer

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Romanet's criticisms prompt owner to re-appraise interests

Abdulla will review role in France

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

KHALED Abdulla is to review his racing operation in France following critical remarks made about the role of Arab owners there by Louis Romanet, director-general of the Societe d'Encouragement.

The French racing supremo last week singled out Abdulla for winning big races and a substantial slice of the prize-money of offer, yet having little commitment to French breeding and racing. He claimed it was creating "bad feeling" among domestic owners and breeders. Romanet said: "The two leading stables in France are the Maktoums and Prince Khaled Abdulla, but neither is breeding in France and nearly all their horses are foreign bred."

Although the Maktoums bought yearlings at the Deauville sales and have sponsored some races, Romanet said of Abdulla: "All his horses, except perhaps one, are foreign bred; he doesn't breed horses or buy yearlings here, and he doesn't sponsor races.

"We feel it is more and more difficult to accept this situation. When you have such important stables in a country which is going through a difficult economic situation for local owners and breeders, these big international owners must play the game from all sides."

Romanet's comments have caused deep offence to Abdulla. The Saudi prince, who has enjoyed a wonderful season with four classic victories, including that of Commander In Chief in the Derby, is a shy, retiring man made conspicuous only by the dignity he brings to racing.

Along with the Maktoums, he has always said he would continue to race in a country while he remained welcome. Indeed, one of the reasons given for sending more horses to France in recent years has been the agreeable reception offered to owners by the French, compared to the sometimes stuffy attitude of the British racing establishment. Romanet's remarks have prompted second thoughts.

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to Abdulla, said yesterday: "Prince Khaled is reviewing his French operation in the light of what was said by M Romanet."

Although Pritchard-Gordon declined to elaborate, the implications are clear. In the past two years Abdulla has increased the size of his French string while cutting back in Britain. At present he has the same number of horses in training in each country, but Romanet's observations could persuade Abdulla to reverse the trend.

Arab success in French racing is reflected by Shaikh Mohammed, Maktoum Al-Maktoum and Abdulla winning 30 per cent of French Pattern races this term.

Seventy four horses carrying Abdulla's silks have won 80 races and 10.5 million francs in prize-money, some 4.6 per cent of the total purse.

A further option for the Arab owners emerged after Fraar, owned by Hamdan Al-Maktoum, had won the Caulfield Cup at Melbourne on Saturday. Colin Hayes, a former leading trainer, said: "Now racing has started in Dubai I think a lot of the horses that don't measure up in England will be sent there, rather than Australia."

GEORGE SELWYN



Zafonic has been a standard-bearer of Khaled Abdulla's French-based runners

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ANZUM
(4.30 Nottingham)
Next best: Kings Cay
(3.00 Nottingham)

Wind of change can carry Britain to brighter future

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

KHALED Abdulla would be entirely justified in reducing his 70-plus string of horses in France and filling a few more boxes this side of the Channel following the out-of-character outburst last week by Louis Romanet, the disgruntled French racing chief.

Leaving aside the unpleasant tone of the remarks, aimed at Arab owners in general and Abdulla in particular, the threat voiced by Romanet of protectionist measures — including up to 20 per cent of *all* their races being restricted to French-bred and owned horses — is disturbing. It will only serve to enhance the widely-held belief that the French adhere to the rules of the EC and the free market only when it suits.

However, the review being carried out by Abdulla of his French racing operation, prompted by Romanet's comments, should not rely purely upon such negative factors when reaching a decision about the future.

Abdulla should also consider the remarkable transformation in the fortunes of British racing, which was almost unthinkable 12 months ago, let alone in 1990 when the Saudi prince first decided to increase his French horse-power at the expense of his British operation.

The past week has witnessed further indications of the renaissance taking place in the sport. The initiative by the British Horseracing Board (BHB) to contact racecourses and arrange replacement fixtures at short notice for those lost to the recent rain may not be earth-shattering in itself, but it reflects the change in attitude amongst those who have taken over from the Jockey Club to run racing. The negative, reactive, conservative and off-hand philosophy of yesteryear has given way to approachable people seeking to be positive, innovative and pro-active.

Thanks to the vision of Lord Hartington and the talents of Tristram Ricketts and his small team at the BHB, there is a real feeling now that racing is being properly run and heading in the right direction. The BHB's first objective of achieving credibility and respect inside the narrow world of racing, and beyond, has been achieved almost as quickly as Lochsong rocketed up the sprint course at Longchamp.

In addition, the example set by Uttoxeter, York, Newbury and Goodwood in concentrating on the needs of the paying customer is being followed by many racecourses. Sir Paul Fox, the go-ahead chairman of the Racecourse Association, was right this week to say owners and trainers also receive a warmer welcome. There are exceptions — notably Ascot and Newmarket — where blinkered officialdom or poor customer service needs tackling. Let there be no doubt it will be.

At Tattersalls last week, the buoyant mood and feeling of renewed confidence was almost tangible. Only 12 months ago, when VAT registration for owners appeared a mirage, there was gloom and despair.

Do not misunderstand me. Plenty of problems still exist within British racing, especially the underlying financial inequality which sees government take £340 million from betting while the sport which generates the income receives less than £50 million.

The difference today is that there is a willingness, a determination and a governing body prepared to tackle those problems in a constructive way. That is a positive reason for Prince Khaled to decide he should have more horses here and fewer in France. Along with the Maktoums, he is valued and welcomed within British racing.

So too are Andre Fabre, Francois Boutin, Criquette Head and other French trainers whose horses, M Romanet should note, have won the biggest share of top British races and prize-money for years. The only difference is that, unlike in France, there is no "bad feeling" about their deserved triumphs.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
2.00 Patsy Grimes
2.30 East Barns
3.00 Silver Hunter
3.30 Jungle Knife
4.00 Captain Starlight
4.30 Affirm
5.00 Firm But Fair
5.30 Sillars Stalker

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.00 Firm But Fair.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) DRAW: 5F 13YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 KEGWORTH LIMITED STAKES (£3,094: 5f 13yd) (24 runners)

1 (17) 352006 BRIGHT PARAGON 28 (D,S) (D Cooper) H Collingridge 4-9-1 J Quinn 73
2 (8) 0-53432 HARCLIFF 114 (V) (C Lines) C Lines 4-9-1 J Lowe 78
3 (11) 060056 JOE SUGDEN 69 (D,F,G,S) (P Davies) P Howling 9-8-1 R Cochrane 71
4 (22) 01-0 LILLAH DARAK 28 (D,F) (Miss A Whitfield Jones) A Jones 5-8-1 J Williams 75
5 (16) 005050 NO QUARTER GIVEN 35 (CD,F,G,S) (P Felgate) P Felgate 8-9-1 K Fallon 85
6 (15) 203000 SAVAHRA SOUND 9 (F,G,S) (Mrs P Barratt) S Bowring 8-9-1 G Strange (7) 92
7 (14) 332100 SENSE OF PRIORITY 49 (V,D,F) (P Savill) M H Easterby 4-9-1 K Darley 93
8 (10) 000150 SUPER ROCKY 52 (D,F) (I Barker) R Bastiman 4-9-1 H Bastiman (7) 89
9 (4) 422245 CLANROCK 89 (D G8) R Whitaker 3-9-0 A Culhane 88
10 (13) 063001 COALISLAND 32 (D,S) (P McKernan) R Ingram 3-9-0 A Tucker 89
11 (5) 054404 DISCO BOY 14 (S Bradford) B McMahon 3-9-0 A Mackay 84
12 (1) 054003 PURBECK CENTENARY 32 (D,G) (Hammond Partnership) P Howling 3-9-0 W Ryan 78
13 (7) 023405 SOBER LAD 14 (B,D,G) (F Viner) J Berry 3-9-0 J Carroll 91
14 (6) 433600 ANGELS ANSWER 24 (D,S) (Miss E Joyce) R Barr 4-8-10 S Wood 76
15 (18) 333223 BATCHWORTH BOUND 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Price) S Mellor 4-8-10 C Rutter 85
16 (20) 522200 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 44 (CD,F,G) (Exors of J Martin) Mrs A King 4-8-10 S Perks 88
17 (24) 411000 MARTINA 34 (D,F,G,S) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) G Lewis 5-8-10 S Russell (5) 91
18 (23) 614005 NORDOORA 28 (D,F) (D Young) J Harris 4-8-10 Darren Moffatt (5) 85
19 (21) 56433 CALAMANCO 44 (H Ellis) A Smith 3-8-9 S Webster 95
20 (9) 153004 CHARITY EXPRESS 18 (D,F,G,S) (C Davey) D Cosgrove 3-8-9 M Wigham 98
21 (12) 500 CORN CIRCLE 23 (Miss G Abbey) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-9 L Dettori 96
22 (3) 133000 HIGH ROMANCE 14 (D,S) (Mrs J Moffatt) D Moffatt 3-8-9 S Maloney (3) 72
23 (19) 005031 PATSY GRIMES 27 (B,C,S) (J Grimes) M Muggeridge 3-8-9 Mark Denaro (7) 98
24 (2) 323-241 VICTORIA HALL 152 (L Snook) W G M Turner 3-8-9 Paul Eddery 92

BETTING: 11-2 Patsy Grimes, 6-1 Charity Express, 7-1 Corn Circle, Martina, 8-1 Sense Of Priority, Super Rocky, 10-1 Calamanco, Sober Lad, 12-1 Victoria Hall, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

HARCLIFF 2l 2nd of 17 to Join The Clan in a maiden handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). SENSE OF PRIORITY 5l 7th of 9 to Royal Girl in a handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). CLANROCK 5¾l 5th of 11 to Sir Oliver in a maiden handicap at Yarmouth (6f, good). COALISLAND beat Little Osborne neck in a 10-runner maiden handicap at Lingfield (5f, soft). DISCO BOY 8¾l 4th of 16 to Magic Pearl in a maiden handicap at Warwick (5f, soft). PURBECK CENTENARY 3l 3rd of 8 to Face The Future in a handicap at Yarmouth (6f, good to soft). BATCHWORTH BOUND 2½l 3rd of 23 to Simmie's Special in a handicap at York (5f, heavy). PASTY GRIMES beat Lady Broker 1½l in a 20-runner handicap here (6f, heavy).
Selection: PATSY GRIMES

2.30 RAINWORTH CLAIMING STAKES (£3,161: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

1 (14) 004030 ABERDEEN HEATHER 41 (D,G) (Major H Cayzer) D Elsworth 3-9-7 J Williams 85
2 (20) 340023 AMENABLE 115 (D,F,G,S) (J McManamon) B Richmond 8-9-3 Alex Greaves 88
3 (7) 3/1150-P TYNRON DOON 168J (D,S) (G Wiltshire) D Wallis 4-9-3 M Wigham 70
4 (2) 003U0-3 WATCH ME GO 259 (D,F) (121 Racing Club) M Dods 4-9-3 N Connorton 87
5 (8) 5-53344 DIACO 28 (D,BF,F,G) (J Good) M Jarvis 8-8-13 A Munro 88
6 (18) 611-424 EAST BARNS 259 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Baggott) T Barron 5-8-13 Kimberley Hart (7) 66
7 (19) 0-00410 ERAS MOOD 37 (CD,F) (S Salimeni) B Palling 4-8-13 A Garth (5) 70
8 (4) INVITE D'HONNEUR 16J (N Brookes) C Broad 11-8-13 V Slattery —
9 (5) 504140 SLUMBER THYME 56 (D,G) (Mrs P Spicer) R Spicer 4-8-13 A Mackay 61
10 (15) 020000 TWILIGHT FALLS 9 (C,F,S) (C Smith) M Camacho 8-8-13 L Charnock 70
11 (1) 005530 SUSANNA'S SECRET 60 (B,F,S) (D Emery) J Harris 6-8-12 J Quinn 80
12 (16) 000- BRIDGE STREET BOY 341 (M Wilkins) J Bosley 4-8-11 T Sprake —
13 (17) 000006 MEXICAN DANCER 27 (D,G,S) P Howling 4-8-11 B Crossley 78
14 (6) 013386 DON'T JUMP 65 (D,S) (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 3-8-10 P Robinson 84
15 (13) 05114 ESSEX GIRL 72 (V,D,BF,F,G) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 3-8-10 L Dettori 84
16 (9) 00600-0 SHAKE TOWN 13 (V,F,G) (F Dickinson) J Mackie 5-8-9 N Kennedy (3) 84
17 (10) 012200 SWEET ROMEO 86 (F,G) (Fairyhouse Partnership) M Johnston 3-8-9 J Carroll 91
18 (11) 005355 PANTHER 13 (Mrs C Ashworth) J Hetherton 3-8-8 K Darley 91
19 (3) 26-4000 ALWAYS RISKY 121 (CD,G) (D Blackwood) J Etherington 3-7-13 J Lowe 76
20 (12) 543800 YEVEED 13 (B,S) (Mrs M Graham) M H Easterby 3-7-13 S Maloney (3) 83

BETTING: 4-1 Amenable, 5-1 Don't Jump, 6-1 Panther, 7-1 Diaco, 8-1 East Barns, Essex Girl, 10-1 Sweet Romeo, 12-1 Aberdeen Heather, 14-1 Yeveed, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AMENABLE 4l 3rd of 4 to Sylvan Sabre in a rated stakes race at Lingfield (AW, 1m, standard). WATCH ME GO 1¾l 3rd of 10 to Sirtelimar in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m, standard), with EAST BARNS (13lb better off) 4l 4th. DIACO 1l 4th of 21 to Northern Conqueror in a selling handicap at Pontefract (1m, good). ERAS MOOD beat Mulamanni 1l in a 14-runner handicap at Chepstow on penultimate start (1m 2f, good to firm). ESSEX GIRL beat Misty Silks a short head in a 5-runner handicap at Beverley on penultimate start (1m 110yd, good to firm). PANTHER 3¾l 5th of 15 to Eliza in a handicap at Redcar (1m 1f, good to soft), with SHAKE TOWN (14lb better off) 6¾l 9th.
Selection: PANTHER

3.00 EBF WHATTON MANOR STUD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,673: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

1 (7) 00 BURRINGHAM BOY 14 (Mrs A Bosnell) B Rothwell 9-0 J Quinn —
2 (4) DAWN ROCK (G Lang) P Kelleway 9-0 R Cochrane —
3 (17) DORIC (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-0 M Hills —
4 (15) ERIN'S LAD (R Harris) R Dickin 9-0 N Adams —
5 (16) 03 FAIR AND FANCY 20 (H Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 W Carson 83
6 (1) GOLDEN MEMORIES (F Stansbury) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 J Carroll —
7 (6) 00005 GREENFINCH 11 (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 K Darley 70
8 (2) 00 HILLSWICK 19 (M Court) J King 9-0 A Proctor (5) 67
9 (10) 0 KILERNAN 33 (J Hall) T Barron 9-0 J Fanning 71
10 (14) 4 KINGS CAY 24 (Mrs J Hollingsworth) D Loder 9-0 L Dettori 95
11 (13) 005 MELODY DANCER 86 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 70
12 (20) 6 NORAGAN 23 (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 9-0 M Birch —
13 (3) 06 NORTHERN HIGHLIGHT 23 (Mrs J Jennings) B McMahon 9-0 A Mackay 67
14 (11) 0 SHARP THRILL 130 (K Burks) B Smart 9-0 Mark Denaro (7) —
15 (19) 0 SILVER HUNTER 19 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 A Munro 88
16 (8) 0 STATELY HOME 24 (T Shields & Mrs S Johnson) R Lee 9-0 B Crossley —
17 (18) UNISON (J Milton) C Barwell 9-0 J Williams —
18 (9) RAINBOWS RHAPSODY (D Ridel) M Camacho 8-9 L Charnock —
19 (12) 6 SHUTTLINGSLOW 13 (E Stanley) M Bell 8-9 R Hills —
20 (5) 432000 WILLWIN 18 (B) (P Caplan) J Harris 8-9 Darren Moffatt (5) 73

BETTING: 15-8 Silver Hunter, 3-1 Kings Cay, 5-1 Doric, 6-1 Fair And Fancy, 7-1 Golden Memories, 15-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

FAIR AND FANCY 6l 3rd of 13 to Fawran in a maiden at Brighton (7f, good to soft). GREENFINCH 16¾l last of 5 to Pembridge Place in a maiden at York (1m, heavy). KINGS CAY 4l 4th of 16 to Lille Flynn in a maiden auction at Redcar (7f, good). MELODY DANCER 5¾l of 9 to Pavala in a maiden auction at Warwick (7f, good). NORTHERN HIGHLIGHT 9l 6th of 9 to Talarmab in a maiden at Haydock (7f, soft). SILVER HUNTER 5¾l 7th of 19 to The Deep in a maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to soft). SHUTTLINGSLOW 15¾l 6th of 11 to Forgotten Lady in a maiden at Warwick (7f, soft).
Selection: KINGS CAY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
L Cumani	10	31	32.3	L Dettori	26	134	19.4
M Camacho	3	15	20.0	P Robinson	6	32	18.8
P Kelleway	5	26	19.2	W Carson	37	201	18.4
P Cole	15	80	18.8	T Sprake	5	33	15.2
D Morley	15	84	17.9	R Cochrane	16	111	14.4
M Prescott	7	41	17.1	Paul Eddery	14	118	11.9

3.30 GAMSTON HANDICAP (£4,020: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

1 (1) 231426- EARLY STAR 11J (D,G) (K Bishop) K Bishop 4-9-11 Alex Greaves 80
2 (13) 304655 PETRACO 9 (G,S) (B Hampson) N Smith 5-9-8 Paul Eddery 95
3 (18) 105100 BATTLE COLOURS 9 (D,F,G) (T Fawcett) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-8 K Fallon 88
4 (20) 145/01-2 JUNGLE KNIFE 168J (D,G,S) (N Cook) M Tompkins 7-9-7 P Robinson 90
5 (15) 052021 TONY'S MIST 27 (CD,G,S) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 3-9-5 L Dettori 94
6 (8) 225012 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 13 (D,F,G,S) (G Treglown) J Spearing 6-9-5 G Hind 94
7 (14) 042121 MISTY SILKS 14 (CD,G,S) (P Aston) M Ryan 3-9-4 W Carson 93
8 (7) 12-0010 CHIEF OF STAFF 13 (D,F,G) (Exclusive Partnership) J Pearce 4-9-1 J McLaughlin 98
9 (9) 046000 FIGHTER SQUADRON 30 (B,F,G) (Claremont Services) J Glover 4-8-0 S D Williams 98
10 (17) 05234 EYE WITNESS 110 (B,BF) (F Salmon) P Cole 3-8-12 A Munro 95
11 (6) 41-0005 MARIUS 34 (BF,G,S) (Mrs L Simpson) B Hills 3-8-11 M Hills 95
12 (11) 653303 LOCHORE 20 (D,G) (L Davies) R Ingram 3-8-8 A Tucker 93
13 (19) 100050 RURAL LAD 9 (F,G,S) (Vintage Racing) R Spicer 4-8-7 A Garth (5) 96
14 (10) 066103 QUANTITY SURVEYOR 13 (B,CD,G,S) (Lady Fairhaven) M Prescott 4-8-6 W Ryan 98
15 (2) 150000 BOLD STREET 18 (G) (Corden Trust Company Ltd) A Bailey 3-8-5 N Connorton 88
16 (16) 258043 SCOTTISH PARK 69 (F) (D Emery) J Harris 4-8-4 J Quinn 92
17 (5) 603430 WOLF POWER 121 (P Savill) T Thomson Jones 3-8-1 K Darley 90
18 (12) 005055 BRESIL 84 (BF) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-8-1 J Lowe 92
19 (3) 060005 HAYDON BRIDGE 27 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3-7-12 N Adams 94
20 (4) 102060 PRINCESS OF ORANGE 24 (CD,S) (D McDuffie) W Brisbourne 4-7-8 J Fanning 98

BETTING: 11-2 Quantity Surveyor, 6-1 Scottish Park, 13-2 Lawnswood Junior, Tonys Mist, 7-1 Lochore, Misty Silks, 8-1 Jungle Knife, 10-1 Eye Witness, 14-1 Battle Colours, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

PETRACO 8¼l 5th of 23 to Benzoe in a handicap at York (6f, heavy). JUNGLE KNIFE 4l 2nd of 9 to Leif The Lucky in a handicap at Carlisle (1m, heavy). TONYS MIST beat Austral Jane 2½l in a 13-runner rated stakes over course and distance (heavy). LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 2l 2nd of 12 to Second Chance in a rated stakes at Warwick (1m, heavy). MISTY SILKS beat Harpoon Louie a neck in a 16-runner handicap at Pontefract (1m, soft). MARIUS 4¼l 5th of 20 to Without A Flag in a handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, soft). LOCHORE 2¼l 3rd of 10 to Nichodoula in a rated stakes at Brighton (1m, good to soft). BRESIL 5¾l 5th of 14 to Brown Carpet in a handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good).
Selection: MISTY SILKS

4.00 HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,601: 1m 1f 213yd) (12 runners)

1 (8) ADMIRAL ROUS (C Wool) J Pearce 9-0 M Wigham —
2 (2) 2562 CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 27 (R Michaelson) M Bell 9-0 M Hills 98
3 (5) ESTIMRAAR (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills —
4 (11) 5000 GRANDMAN 14 (Mrs E Milligan) D Moffatt 9-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 81
5 (12) GREETLAND HALL (J Wilkins) S Norton 9-0 K Fallon —
6 (7) 00 MISTER MAYBE 21 (Mrs F Cooney & Mrs A Turner) R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 93
7 (9) 30004 SWORDSMANSHIP 14 (B) (J FitzRoy Newdegate) M Prescott 9-0 K Darley 91
8 (1) 305340 WINGS AHEAD 21 (Mrs M Morley) T Fairhurst 9-0 N Connorton 92
9 (10) 0000 PETITE BIJOU 82 (Mrs T Hartwell) R Brotherton 8-9 A Mackay 80
10 (6) 60 RISKY TU 60 (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-9 R Cochrane 90
11 (4) 00000 SOTTISES 14 (Mrs J Martin) P Dalton 8-9 N Varley (7) —
12 (3) 00 VAX IT 14 (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 8-9 G Hind —

BETTING: 2-1 Captain Starlight, 4-1 Risky Tu, 9-2 Swordsmanship, 5-1 Wings Ahead, 7-1 Estimraar, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 1½l 2nd of 20 to Stadisban in a nursery over course and distance (heavy). MISTER MAYBE 24l 8th of 15 to Blending-Joe in a maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good). SWORDSMANSHIP 4l 4th of 22 to Shoofk in a nursery at Warwick (1m, soft). WINGS AHEAD 8l 8th of 16 to Make A Note in a nursery at Hamilton (1m 67yd, good). RISKY TU 17l 8th of 11 to Owington in a maiden at York (6f, good).
Selection: CAPTAIN STARLIGHT (nap)

4.30 HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,601: 1m 1f 213yd) (12 runners)

1 (1) 3 AFFIRM 32 (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 9-0 C Rutter 97
2 (2) 000 ANZUM 28 (The Old Foresters Partnership) D Nicholson 9-0 V Slattery 92
3 (9) 045 KHATIR 14 (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-0 W Carson 96
4 (11) 830024 MONSIEUR BLEU 21 (D Blackwood) Miss L Perratt 9-0 J Fanning 96
5 (7) 05 RIVER JUNCTION 33 (C Bottaway) P Haslam 9-0 R Cochrane 93
6 (4) LADY DARING (B) (Mrs D Jones) B Ellison 8-9 A Munro —
7 (5) LADY TJONGER (The Ice Crowd) J Scargill 8-9 J Williams —
8 (10) 000 MY SONG OF SONGS 28 (A Brown) R Hoad 8-9 J Quinn 72
9 (12) 00 NUN-TARA 13 (B Amey) Mrs A Knight 8-9 Stephen Davies (3) 82
10 (8) 504043 OLYMPIC BID 21 (Manchester Evening News Ltd) J Berry 8-9 J Carroll 88
11 (3) 354004 ROSE OF GLENN 26 (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 8-9 S Maloney (3) 95
12 (6) 0000 TROPICAL VISTA 37 (B Hendry) R Voorspuy 8-9 N Adams 83

BETTING: 11-4 Khatir, 3-1 Affirm, 5-1 Olympic Bid, 6-1 River Junction, 8-1 Monsieur Bleu, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AFFIRM 2¾l 3rd of 10 to Alaskan Heir in a maiden at Lingfield (7f 140yd, soft). KHATIR 8l 5th of 13 to Mawsilk in a maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, soft). OLYMPIC BID 4¼l 3rd of 16 to Make A Note in a nursery at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good), with MONSIEUR BLEU (4lb worse off) a head 4th. ROSE OF GLENN 4¼l 4th of 15 to Candi Das in a claimer at Brighton (7f, good to firm), with MY SONG OF SONGS (2lb better off) 5l 9th.
Selection: AFFIRM

5.00 ST ANNS MAIDEN STAKES (£3,816: 1m 6f 15yd) (17 runners)

1 (17) 050F0-0 HASTY SPARK 21 (D Allan) B Smart 5-9-5 Mark Denaro (7) 50
2 (5) 4548- MUNIR 220J (J Gowling) J Hards 4-9-5 L Dettori —
3 (13) RAINY STORM (P Kirkland) T Donnelly 4-9-5 S D Williams —
4 (9) 0-40 FLAKEY DOVE 154 (J Price) R Price 7-9-0 T Sprake 90
5 (4) 000500 STATIA 2 (V) (Don Enrico Incisa) E Incisa 5-9-0 Kim Tinkler 50
6 (3) 200003 ARC BRIGHT 3 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 3-8-10 S Perks 83
7 (6) 64 FIRM BUT FAIR 170 (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-10 R Cochrane 97
8 (2) HARQUIN (L Bush) C Barwell 3-8-10 A Munro —
9 (10) 0 SPIKE 21 (Mrs D Hickman) T Casey 3-8-10 V Slattery —
10 (7) 024 SPRING MARATHON 27 (BF) (Mrs N Dutfield) D Elsworth 3-8-10 J Williams 92
11 (14) 00 DAJAM 60 (M Burbidge) J King 3-8-5 Stephen Davies (3) —
12 (11) HENRIETTA BOO BOO (R Heath) R Weaver 3-8-5 J Lowe —
13 (15) 00 LADY CONFESS 41 (Mrs R Tate) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-5 N Adams —
14 (1) 0 MISS IN-A-BIT 269 (The Nags Head) N Smith 3-8-5 Paul Eddery —
15 (12) 332224 NAWAHIL 13 (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-5 W Carson 88
16 (16) SNOW DREAM (P Aston) M Ryan 3-8-5 P Robinson —
17 (8) 2 SNOWDROP TREE 118 (B) (Shaikh Mohammed) W Hern 3-8-5 W Ryan 85

BETTING: 2-1 Nawahil, 5-2 Firm But Fair, 4-1 Spring Marathon, 7-1 Snowdrop Tree 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ARC BRIGHT 5l 3rd of 14 to Chummy's Pal in an apprentice maiden at Catterick (1m 4f, soft). FIRM BUT FAIR 15l 4th of 5 to Commander In Chief in a conditions race at Newmarket in May (1m 4f, good). SPRING MARATHON 7¾l 4th of 19 to Ekatis in a maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, soft). NAWAHIL 13½l 4th to Diplomatist in an apprentice maiden at Folkestone (1m 4f, heavy).
Selection: FIRM BUT FAIR

5.30 WOODBOROUGH HANDICAP (£3,611: 2m 9yd) (10 runners)

1 (5) 0/45200- JUST MY BILL 10J (B,S) (P Macari) N Tinkler 7-9-10 Kim Tinkler 90
2 (10) 5110-04 ZEALOUS KITTEN 174 (B,S) (M Oseman) R Price 5-9-8 K Darley 86
3 (2) 60-4144 SMILES AHEAD 19 (G,S) (P Douglas Engineering) P Bevan 5-9-6 C Hawksley (7) 98
4 (6) 15-8050 SILLARS STALKER 12 (S) (Sillars Civil Engineering) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-4 K Fallon 93
5 (9) 5000 PRINCESS DAVID 59 (W Greeley) N Wright 3-8-12 G Bardwell 88
6 (5) 5165/4-4 VADO VIA 181J (F) (G Wiltshire) D Wintle 5-8-8 A Munro 85
7 (1) 404252 PEACH BRANDY 39 (J Boyce) R Voorspuy 4-8-8 N Adams 98
8 (7) 60000/ BAYBEEJAY 18J (J Hall) R Brotherton 6-8-4 A Mackay —
9 (3) 00-0000 CHARMED LIFE 28 (B) (P Bowler) P Leach 4-8-4 S Wood 86
10 (4) 4000/00- SUPER RITCHART 242J (The Gradon Associates) B Palling 5-8-1 J Lowe —

BETTING: 5-2 Smiles Ahead, 11-4 Peach Brandy, 5-1 Zealous Kitten, 6-1 Vado Via, Sillars Stalker, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ZEALOUS KITTEN 29l 4th of 20 to Kinoko in a handicap here (1m 6f, good to soft). SMILES AHEAD 3l 4th of 19 to Head Turner in a claiming handicap at Salisbury (1m 6f, soft). SILLARS STALKER 24l 9th of 20 to Philgun in an apprentices' handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, soft). VADO VIA 12l 4th of 11 to Master Foodbroker in a handicap at Newbury (2m, good). PEACH BRANDY short-head 2nd of 9 to Hunting Ground in a handicap at Folkestone last time out (1m 7f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: ZEALOUS KITTEN

THUNDERER
1.50 Dodgy Dancer. 2.20 Swallows Dream. 2.50 Apache Myth. 3.20 Lets Go Bo. 3.50 Folly Finnesse. 4.20 Callabonna. 4.50 Our Rita. 5.20 Crackling.
Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.20 DANGER POINT.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 INZAR (nap). 4.50 Our Rita.

GOING: HEAVY DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.50 HARDRES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,390: 1m 1f 149yd) (15 runners)

1 0-60 HOME FROM THE HILL 65 (S) M Bell 9-7 M Fenton (3) 10
2 2101 GLOWING PATH 49J (V,F,S) R Hodges 9-3 S Drowne (3) 3
3 2010 ARMENIAN COFFEE 13 (B,CD,S) J Dunlop 9-3 L Piggott 4
4 0313 MYSILV 19 (BF,S) C Wall 9-2 W Woods 9
5 644 MIGAVON 154 W G M Turner 9-2 G Duffield 5
6 1250 DODGY DANCER 18 (CD,F) M Channon 9-1 S Whitworth 2
7 2100 PRESTON GUILD 45 (G,S) R Williams 8-12 J Reid 11
8 0364 ANUSHA 19 (G,S) R Rowe 8-11 A Clark 8
9 0102 WITHOUT A FLAG 11 (S) C Cyzer 8-11 D Holland 6
10 0650 PALACE PARADE 19 B Millman 8-3 N Carlisle 15
11 0250 BERING ISLAND 34 G Lewis 8-2 D Harrison 7
12 1030 FRANCIA 49 (S) A Hide 8-1 P McCabe (5) 1
13 6500 MUTAWALI 14 D Morley 8-1 A McGlone 14
14 0500 SPRING SUNRISE 70 (F,S) M Blanshard 8-0 F Norton 13
15 5003 TAUTEN 13 P Burgoyne 7-13 T Williams 12

2-1 Armenian Coffee, 4-1 Mysilv, 6-1 Glowing Path, Without A Flag, 9-1 others.

2.20 EBF BURWASH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,985: 6f 189yd) (15)

1 403 CLARION CALL 13 P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 10
2 0333 DANGER POINT 20 R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 13
3 0 FORENSIC EVIDENCE 30 G Bravery 9-0 F Norton 9
4 84 INZAR 53 (BF) D Loder 9-0 M Tebbutt 11
5 3 PHIL'S TIME 13 T Mills 9-0 B Rouse 8
6 0 REAL MADRID 13 G Enright 9-0 M Perrett 7
7 004 RICHARD'S ERROR 144 G Lewis 9-0 D Harrison 12
8 SUMMER HAIL P Cole 9-0 T G McLaughlin (7) 4
9 0 SWALLOWS DREAM 41 J Dunlop 9-0 L Piggott 1
10 0 TELEPHONE TAP 18 R Hannon 9-0 S Raymont 3
11 TODAY'S STAR J Fitch-Heyes 9-0 T Williams 15
12 0 UP IN FLAMES 13 M Campion 9-0 R Perham 14
13 0 FLEUR DE TAL 18 R Boss 8-9 G Duffield 5
14 NORTH TO GLORY R Voorspuy 8-9 W Newnes 2
15 00 OUR STELLA 21 Dr J Scargill 8-9 D Holland 6

9-4 Danger Point, 3-1 Clarion Call, 9-2 Phil's Time, 6-1 others.

2.50 BIDDENDEN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 6f 189yd) (16)

1 5633 KEYWAY 13 (B,D,S) M Prescott 9-4 G Duffield 15
2 1254 NUTTY BROWN 11 (S) S Norton 9-2 O Pears (3) 4
3 0005 KRYAZ 13 (D,S) L Cottrell 9-0 N Carlisle 6
4 1360 FORMAL AFFAIR 13 (D,F,G) C Cyzer 8-11 J D Smith (7) 9
5 0500 HOD-MOD 42 A Bailey 8-10 D Wright (5) 13
6 5433 APACHE MYTH 14 R Hannon 8-9 J Reid 8
7 2-00 GLOWING JADE 14 M Channon 8-9 R Painter (7) 10
8 4068 BICHETTE 13 (D,G) G Moore 8-7 B Rouse 3
9 5000 WHYALLA RAIN 111 D Laing 8-7 R Price 5
10 0404 RED LEADER 14 (C,G,S) P Cole 8-6 T Quinn 2
11 3500 SAXON MAGIC 26 (B) J Bennett 8-5 D Holland 12
12 0064 DONTBETALKING 14 (B) J Wharton 8-3 P McCabe (5) 16
13 4004 TEE GEE JAY 34 (S) C Williams 8-3 D Harrison 1
14 30650 HERETICAL MISS 24 (B) R Hannon 8-2 R Perham 11
15 20360 BAN RI 28 J Fitch-Heyes 8-1 T Williams 14
16 5956 TAKE YOUR PARTNER 129 (D,G) M Johnston 7-13 A McGlone 7

5-2 Keyway, 7-2 Apache Myth, 5-1 Nutty Brown, 13-2 Formal Affair, 10-1 Glowing Jade, 12-1 Bichette, Red Leader, 14-1 Take Your Partner, 16-1 others.

3.20 LEVY BOARD RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,579: 6f) (11)

1 0240 COMEDNUP 27 R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 4
2 0006 ERRIS BOY 32 R Williams 9-0 A Clark 6
3 000 LETS GO BO 35 (B) J Sutcliffe 9-0 B Rouse 11
4 6000 NORTHGATE SYMPHONY 20 (B) M Brittain 9-0 T Quinn 5
5 0000 PINATUBO 4 H Candy 9-0 Karron Fitchett (7) 8
6 0660 ROYAL INTERPRETER 27 (V) P McEntee 9-0 R Perham 2
7 050 SCREWBALL ANACONDA 51 C James 9-0 W Newnes 9
8 000 SIMPLY A SEQUEL 24 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 7
9 0030 SPEEDY SNAPS IMAGE 26 M Meggeridge 9-0 W Woods 10
10 3650 JUST GREENWICH 4 T Mills 8-9 N Gwilliams (5) 3
11 000 RED DANCER 42 M Bell 8-9 M Fenton (3) 1

11-8 Comeonup, 3-1 Just Greenwich, 6-1 Royal Interpreter, 8-1 others.

3.50 LEVY BOARD RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,556: 6f) (10)

1 0004 HEALTHY RISK 14 M Blanshard 9-0 T Quinn 2
2 046 CAZANOVE'S PET 21 G Bravery 8-9 J Weaver 3
3 3600 FOLLY FINNESSE 31 B Millman 8-9 S Whitworth 4
4 0550 FOREST LOCH 54 (V,BF) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 D Harrison 9
5 6006 GIGUE 4 M Channon 8-9 R Painter (7) 6
6 000 GWERNYMYNYDD 21 B Hills 8-9 D Holland 7
7 000 INFRA BLUE 18 G Lewis 8-9 Dale Gibson 5
8 0060 MISS KATIE LOUISE 12 J Spearing 8-9 D Wright (5) 10
9 0500 WIDE OUTSIDE 13 G Moore 8-9 B Rouse 8
10 040 WILKS DREAM 165 W G M Turner 8-9 P McCabe (5) 1

9-4 Forest Loch, 3-1 Healthy Risk, 6-1 Folly Finnesse, 8-1 Gigue, 12-1 others.

4.20 CLIFF RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,691: 5f) (16)

1 4422 CHIEF EXECUTIVE 14 N Callaghan 9-0 A McGlone 11
2 0053 CRAFTY CRICKETER 27 (B) R Voorspuy 9-0 W Newnes 9
3 8000 GRANBY BELL 13 (B) M Muggeridge 9-0 D Wright (5) 15
4 666 INSIDER TRADER 18 R Williams 9-0 J Weaver 13
5 066 KING BRUCE 13 B Hills 9-0 D Holland 6
6 005 KISSAIR 18 G Lewis 9-0 B Rouse 10
7 4040 LORD SKY 30 (B) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 8
8 0000 MISTER O'GRADY 4 Pat Mitchell 9-0 R Perham 16
9 3200 MITSIS 13 W Musson 9-0 B Doyle (3) 5
10 5030 BANDITA 26 Miss A Whitfield 8-9 Dale Gibson 7
11 220 CALLABONNA 18 (BF) M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 4
12 350 MOORLAND DANCER 18 (B) W Haggas 8-9 D Harrison 3
13 6683 POSSIBILITY 14 Mrs L Piggott 8-9 L Piggott 1
14 0506 RADIANT DANCER 14 (B) R Phillips 8-9 A Clark 14
15 555 SULITELMA 18 I Balding 8-9 J Reid 12
16 2080 WARTHILL WHISPERS 37 M Brittain 8-9 T Williams 2

15-8 Possibility, 3-1 Callabonna, 9-2 Chief Executive, 11-2 Sulitelma, 8-1 others.

4.50 HERSTMONCEUX LIMITED STAKES (£2,950: 6f) (8)

1 1401 EFRA 13 (CD,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-0 S Raymont 4
2 3655 PEERAGE PRINCE 12 (B,D,F,G) Pat Mitchell 4-9-0 J Reid 1
3 0114 PRINCE ROONEY 121 (F,G,S) P Butler 5-9-0 S Drowne (3) 3
4 1000 MY RUBY RING 28 (CD,F,G,S) D Laing 6-8-9 T Williams 2
5 0321 OUR RITA 9 (D,F,G,S) J Scargill 4-8-9 D Holland 7
6 3244 CHILLY BREEZE 28 (D,G) M Prescott 3-8-7 G Duffield 5
7 2512 PENNY BANGER 14 (B,BF,G,S) M Johnston 3-8-7 J Weaver 8
8 R02R ROYAL DEED 65 (S) P McEntee 3-8-7 R Perham 6

7-4 Our Rita, 5-2 Penny Banger, 3-1 Efra, 8-1 My Ruby Ring, 12-1 others.

5.20 LEEDS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP STAKES (£2,070: 1m 4f) (20)

1 0500 YOUNG FREEMAN 13 (F) G Harwood 4-11-7 Miss A Harwood 6
2 1013 PONDERING 89 (V,D,BF,G,S) M Pipe 3-11-5 N Moore 10
3 4510 TICKERTY'S GIFT 34 (S) R Hannon 3-11-4 Miss K Hannon 3
4 1200 AMAZON EXPRESS 87 (C,D,F,G) R Akehurst 4-11-3 P Talano 12
5 5021 RAPPORTEUR 18 (D,F,G,S) C Elsey 7-11-2 Miss A Elsey 2
6 1355 SPECIAL DAWN 26 (S) J Dunlop 3-11-1 Miss E Johnson Houghton 11
7 00/0- BEYOND OUR REACH 312J (F,G) R Hodges 5-11-0 Miss A Saunders 15
8 0023 MATCHING GREEN 31 (S) G Balding 4-10-10 Miss K Greasey 13
9 400- DANCING YEARS 469 G Moore 4-10-7 J Keller 1
10 0000 BIGWHEEL BILL 60 (D,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-10-7 P Pritchard-Gordon 8
11 6000 STARLIGHT FLYER 18 (B,F,G,S) J Long 6-10-12 T Waters 20
12 0103 MYSTERIOUS MAID 18 (D,F,G,S) J Pearce 6-8-11 Mrs L Pearce 17
13 -340 MAHAASIN 2 A Bailey 5-9-9 Miss E Gatehouse 4
14 60-0 PERSIAN BUD 14 J Bosley 5-9-9 Mrs S Bosley 14
15 5401 CRACKLING 31 (D,G,S) D Marks 4-9-8 Miss K Marks 9
16 0050 BROADWAY RUCKUS 26 (S) D Laing 4-9-8 R Barrett 18
17 000/ EVENING RAIN 514J (B,S) R Hodges 7-9-6 Miss S Mitchell 16
18 0020 THEMEDA 54 (B) G Lewis 4-9-6 Mrs C Dunwoody 19
19 606- ARMASHOCKER 397 Bob Jones 5-9-6 Miss D J Jones 5
20 5/00 BLUE TAIL 79 P Butler 5-9-6 M Marnlash 7

3-1 Mahaasin, 5-1 Tickerty's Gift, 6-1 Mysterious Maid, Pondering, 8-1 Special Dawn, 10-1 Rapporteur, 14-1 Amazon Express, Matching Green, 16-1 others.

Record eludes Snurge

SNURGE moved to within £150 of Pebbles's record British-trained money-winning mark of £1,182,140 when he finished fourth in the group two Prix du Conseil de Paris at Longchamp yesterday. The race was won by the Elie Lellouche-trained Dancienne.

Misil reversed Arc form with the Luca Cumani-trained Only Royale to win the group one Gran Premio del Jockey Club e Coppa d'Oro at San Siro, Milan. Peter Chapple-Hyam's Wootton Rivers was third and Only Royale fourth.

Cumani was also out of luck with Lille Hammer, only third to Steve Lucky in the listed Premio Duca d'Aosta. Lester Piggott was fined five million lira (£2.241) after his *mount, Formato Uni*, took the wrong course.

The Fellow was disqualified after winning the Prix Heros XII Chase at Auteuil.

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	159	124	78	4	-61.08
K Darley	137	128	105	1	-132.38
L Dettori	129	107	110	15	-50.36
G Duffield	110	87	95	3	-82.16
T Quinn	110	104	91	24	-107.94
W Carson	107	85	105	18	-173.43

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
R Hannon	165	158	140	2	-98.30
J Berry	127	115	93	6	-83.27
J Gosden	97	58	44	3	+59.16
H Cecil	87	60	55	2	-16.47
J Dunlop	84	70	62	10	-43.42
Mrs M Reveley	74	66	66	1	-98.24

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 23 winners from 67 runners, 34.3%; P Cole, 15 from 65, 23.1%; Mrs L Piggott, 9 from 40, 22.5%; L Cottrell, 4 from 18, 22.2%; N Callaghan, 9 from 42, 21.4%; J Pearce, 6 from 29, 20.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; Mrs L Pearce, 3 from 9, 33.3%; L Piggott, 8 from 31, 25.8%; T Quinn, 23 from 144, 16.0%; R Perham, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

Newmarket

Going: good

1.50 (6f) 1, Montendre (J Reid, 16-1); 2, Marina Park (4-1 fav); 3, Blyton Lad (6-1). 12 ran. NR: Arjuzah. Nk, 1l. M McCormack. Tote: £23.50; £4.20, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £44.90. Trio: £131.40. CSF: £71.46.

2.20 (5f) 1, In Case (Pat Eddery, 9-1); 2, Cradle Days (16-1); 3, Sir Joey (14-1); 4, Aleslb (9-1). Benzoe 6-1 fav. 22 ran. 1½l, ½l. R Charlton. Tote: £7.80; £2.60, £4.50, £5.80, £1.80. DF: £90.40. Trio: £1,237.10. CSF: £133.71. Tricast: £1,840.51.

3.00 (2m 2f) 1, Ashsayiad (J Williams, 12-1); 2, Ritto (12-1); 3, My Desire (33-1); 4, Hasten To Add (3-1 fav). 31 ran. Hd, 2½l. J White. Tote: £14.90; £3.90, £2.70, £6.90, £1.90. DF: £70.60. Trio: £1,232.30. CSF: £141.00. Tricast: £4,215.18. After stewards' enquiry, result stood

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, Hatoof (W R Swinburn, 5-2 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Ezzoud (8-1); 3, Dernier Empereur (7-1). 12 ran. 3l, sh hd. Mrs C Head. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £3.30, £2.40. DF: £12.60. Trio: £25.10. CSF: £20.38.

4.15 (1m) 1, Saifan (C Hodgson, 12-1); 2, Sand Table (11-2); 3, Tissisat (14-1); 4, Hi Nod (4-1 fav). 21 ran. Hd, ¾l. D Morris. Tote: £14.00; £3.00, £2.60, £3.30, £2.00. DF: £43.60. Trio: £277.70. CSF: £77.02. Tricast: £884.21.

4.45 (7f) 1, Indher (J Quinn, 10-1); 2, Suplizi (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Masnad (20-1) Welsyt 11-4 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Amancio. 1l, ½l. J Banks. Tote: £13.00; £2.80, £1.70, £6.10. DF: £22.40. Trio: £156.60. CSF: £35.58.

5.20 (1m) 1, Prenonamoss (J Williams, 20-1); 2, Burooj (10-1); 3, Arak (10-1); 4, Retender (11-1). Aitch N'Bee 8-1 fav. 29 ran. NR: North Esk. Nk, 1½l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £28.90; £5.60, £2.90, £2.70, £3.00. DF: £384.70. Trio: £835.80. CSF: £205.98. Tricast: £1,959.13.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £36,095.28 carried forward to Cheltenham on Wednesday).
Placepot: £129.00.

Catterick Bridge

2.05 1, Monticino (2-1 fav); 2, Purple Fling (3-1); 3, Persampa Flyer (10-1). 19 ran.
2.40 1, Certificate-X (14-1); 2, Heathyards Lady (16-1); 3, Spring Loaded (9-1). Azina 10-11 fav. 13 ran.
3.15 1, Salu (8-1); 2, Mystic Memory (8-1); 3, Keylock (3-1 fav). 15 ran.
3.50 1, Magic Pearl (10-1); 2, Primula Bairn (12-1); 3, Domicksky (10-1); 4, Choir Practice (15-2). Saddlehome 6-1 fav. 20 ran.
4.25 1, Mary Hinge (3-1); 2, Recaptured Days (9-4 fav); 3, Susad (7-2). 6 ran. NR: Top Show.
5.00 1, Eurythmic (10-1); 2, Gweek (6-1); 3, Primo Figlio (8-1). Austral Jane 4-1 fav. 20 ran.
5.30 1, Champagne Grandy (8-1 fav); 2, On Y Va (9-1); 3, Mam'zelle Angot (16-1); 4, Across The Bay (16-1). 20 ran.

Kempton Park

2.15 1, Billy Bathgate (7-2); 2, General James (16-1); 3, Emsee-H (9-1). Tiderg 11-4 fav. 7 ran.
2.50 1, Lackendara (15-2); 2, The Glow (9-2); 3, Easy Buck (2-1 fav). 8 ran.
3.20 1, Land Afar (9-2); 2, Royal Derbi (2-1 fav); 3, Satin Lover (3-1). 5 ran.
3.55 1, Black Humour (21-20 fav); 2, Sibton Abbey (16-1); 3, Romany King (14-1). 5 ran.
4.25 1, Castle Courageous (15-8 fav); 2, Hebrideen (13-2); 3, Midfielder (6-1). 9 ran.
4.55 1, Wings Cove (7-2); 2, Satin Dancer (100-30); 3, Sir Thomas Beecham (4-1). Tomak 3-1 fav. 14 ran.

Stratford

2.20 1, Mathal (16-1); 2, Jamestown Boy (7-1); 3, Smart Debutante (6-1). Viaggio 7-2 fav. 15 ran.
2.55 1, Thats The Life (8-1); 2, L'Uomo Piu (14-1); 3, Lucky Again (3-1). Around The Horn 5-4 fav. 5 ran.
3.25 1, Seymore (7-2); 2, Albemine (13-8 fav); 3, Wheeler's Wonder (10-1). 6 ran.
4.00 1, Dragons Den (7-1); 2, Gaelic Frolic (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Carbisdale (13-2). Kentish Piper 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran.
4.35 1, Old Brig (5-1); 2, Frozen Drop (9-1); 3, Well Briefed (25-1). Fardross 4-6 fav. 10 ran. NR: Mutual Benefit.
5.05 1, Belt Stalboy (11-8 fav); 2, Emperor Buck (2-1); 3, Dauphin Bleu (50-1). 11 ran. NR: Box Of Delights.
5.35 1, Strong Medicine (11-4); 2, Ask The Governor (5-2 fav); 3, Prize Match (7-1). 10 ran.

Kelso

2.10 1, Kalko (5-1); 2, Srivijaya (11-10 fav); 3, Singray City (9-1). 16 ran.
2.40 1, Puritan (2-1 fav); 2, Sweet City (16-1); 3, Simple Pleasure (12-1). 14 ran.
3.15 1, Celtic Song (20-1); 2, Zarbano (33-1); 3, Rave De Valse (5-2). Explosive Speed 2-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Hurdy.
3.45 1, Brodessa (15-8 fav); 2, Reluctant Suitor (4-1); 3, American Hero (2-1). 18 ran. NR: Oakley.
4.20 1, Padaventure (5-1); 2, Zam Bee (16-1); 3, Pink Gin (11-1). Kushbaloo Evens fav. 9 ran.
4.50 1, Four Deep (15-2); 2, Barvie House (6-1); 3, Saranpour (8-1). Pirate Hook 5-2 fav. 18 ran.
5.25 1, Master Of Troy (33-1); 2, Notable Exception (6-1); 3, All Welcome (7-4 fav). 11 ran. NR: Hazel Leaf.

Southwell

2.25 1, Swift Conveyance (13-8 fav); 2, Wordy's Wonder (9-1); 3, Aldington Chappie (25-1). 8 ran.
2.55 1, Green's Seago (9-2); 2, Winged Whisper (100-30); 3, Rasnwi (10-1). Mabthul 2-1 fav. 7 ran.
3.30 1, Crafty Chaplain (6-4 fav); 2, Silam Chant (7-1); 3, Volcanic Dancer (11-2). 6 ran.
4.00 1, The Green Stuff (Evens fav); 2, Boxsburg (3-1); 3, Rupples (11-4). 4 ran.
4.30 1, Tribal Ruler (7-2); 2, Red Amber (6-5 fav); 3, Naughty Nicky (5-1). 4 ran.
5.00 1, Have A Nightcap (5-2); 2, Alreef (7-2); 3, Elder Prince (33-1). Elite-Ese 13-8 fav. 6 ran.

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Hoddle: fingers crossed

Chelsea 1
Norwich City 2

BY OLIVER HOLT

A FEW minutes after he had emerged from the home dressing room in the bowels of Stamford Bridge, somebody asked Glenn Hoddle about the England job again. The Chelsea player-manager put the index fingers of both hands together to make the sign of the cross and thrust it toward his interrogator and warded off the question.

Hoddle, who almost applied for the national manager's job by default in the gloom-laden days since England's defeat in Rotterdam, steadfastly refuses to comment on speculation that he might succeed Graham Taylor, while other perceived contenders fall over each other to say they are not interested. That he would like the post seems probable, that he will get it is less certain, that he is qualified for it is open to debate. He is a sublime player and his enthusiastic espousal of the passing game, his readiness to play a continental-style sweeper system pleases the purists.

He worked wonders at Swindon and the magnitude of his loss is evident in the ineffectiveness of the team's performances this season. But his impact at Chelsea has not been startling and the formation he employs there is looking like a distinctly flawed diamond. Saturday's defeat, in crisp sun glasses and mittens weather, left the west London team languishing in fifteenth place in the Premiership table.

By then, Hoddle knew that no amount of crossing of fingers could have repelled Norwich's rapier thrusts that had torn through his pedestrian team. On the field, Hoddle is looking more and more like an overworked alchemist as he tries to turn the ordinary players that surround him into worthy vehicles for his bold experiment.

In Norwich perhaps, in the guile of the wispy, stooping Ian Crook, the intelligent running and short passes of Mark Bowen, the wing wizardry of Ruel Fox and the direct running of Chris Sutton, he sees an image of what might be if he presses on and brings in some new players.

Norwich are a credit to English football, a delight to watch, a homily to pass-and-move. Their first goal, overdue when it came after 23 minutes, epitomised their skills. Crook and Bowen worked a neat, tight triangle near the corner flag and Bowen's low, pinpoint cross was routinely side footed home by Fox.

They face the might of Bayern in the Olympic stadium tomorrow night and, on this showing, can approach the task with confidence. "This is the best Norwich team I have ever played in," Crook said. "But I think we will find out a few things about just how good we are on Tuesday."

Crook's hardworking midfield partner, Goss, was instrumental in Norwich's second goal in the 69th minute, winning the ball and sliding it through for Robins, whose half-hit shot was palmed into Sutton's path by Kharine and left him with an open net. Although Chelsea pulled a goal back with a diving header from Peacock seven minutes from the end, it would have been a rank injustice had they snatched an equliser.

"We have got to have total belief in the way we are playing," Hoddle said afterwards, amid dark hints of changes in personnel. "We have got to keep making angles. When you stop doing that, you cannot pass the ball and we were just not mobile enough today." Mike Walker, the Norwich manager, devoted much of his post-match press conference to a lament that the shortcomings of the English national team result in club sides being "tarred with the same brush."

"There are good passers of the ball in the Premiership," he said. "It gives me a lot of pleasure that people watch Norwich to watch good football."

Hoddle wished Walker good luck for the European test ahead but, when another inquisitor asked the Chelsea manager what he would do to resurrect England's fortunes, he bowed his head and muttered something about "enough on my shoulders already".

CHELSEA: (5-3-2) D Kharine — S Clarke, F Sinclair, G Hoddle, J Kjeldberg, A Dow — G Hall, E Newton, G Peacock — N Shipperley, T Cascarino (sub: R Fleck 64).
NORWICH: (4-4-2) B Gunn — S Prior, I Culverhouse, I Butterworth, R Newman — M Bowen, J Goss, I Crook, R Fox — M Robins, C Sutton.
Referee: V Callow.

Learning curve proving steep for Cardiff

Cardiff City 1
Bristol Rovers 2

BY PETER ROBINSON

A NEW season, a new division, a new challenge. The only difference between Cardiff City and Bristol Rovers has been how they approached the unfamiliar problems awaiting them in the second division since they entered it in August. That difference, though, has made all the difference.

Cardiff arrived on one road, promoted, as champions, from the third division only to find that the step up has been far from easy. The game on Saturday was the twelfth since their last win in league or cup and they have collected just two points since the beginning of September. Optimism and confidence were the operative words as the new term opened in this corner of South Wales; not any longer.

Rovers came the other way, relegated from the first division after a season probably best forgotten. For them, though, the change in circumstances has been beneficial and, in beating Cardiff, they extended their winning streak to five matches in the league, six in all. If their hosts gift-wrapped this win, and they did, it could not hide the fact that Rovers had delivered an unwelcome lesson in making the most of your opportunities.

It was not lost on Eddie May, the Cardiff manager. "This is a tough league," he said. "You cannot afford to make mistakes from week to week because you will get punished at this level and our mistakes were howling mistakes. We were letting people in on goal with nothing to stop them and we cannot afford to do that any more."

John Ward, May's Rovers counterpart, was much happier. "For some of our lads, it is a new experience for them to win games consistently," he said. "People might forgive us for enjoying it but it makes a change."

The afternoon began with all eyes on Mark Aizlewood, Cardiff's latest signing and one of those rare players for whom the World Cup finals still beckon. On Wednesday, he was there as Wales beat an obdurate Cyprus 2-0 at the National Stadium; now, he was back in the Principality, signed on a free transfer from Bristol City.

Unfortunately, Aizlewood did not make the best of starts. The game had barely kicked off when he dithered over the ball, allowing Stewart to dispossess him and set Taylor free. Taylor, to Aizlewood's dismay, scored as the clocked reached the 39sec mark.

Thereafter, Cardiff strove manfully to level matters, only for Blake to see his header saved at the near post and Griffith to bounce his 42nd-minute effort off the crossbar when it seemed easier to score.

When Browning, floundering in the area, handled and handed Cardiff a penalty in the second half, which Richardson converted, hopes of a home win rose, but only briefly. Knill dithered as Aizlewood had done, Taylor robbed him and that was 2-1. Cardiff will know not to make such mistakes next time.

CARDIFF CITY (4-4-2): P Kite — J Perry, A Knill (sub: L Baddeley, 78min), M Aizlewood, D Searle — N Richardson, D Brazil (sub: P Stant, 76), P Millar, N Blake — G Thompson, C Griffith
BRISTOL ROVERS (4-4-2): B Parkin — J Channing, I Wright, I McClean, L Maddison — W Sterling, M Browning, G Waddock, L Archer — J Taylor, M Stewart.
Referee: J Rushton.

United take it easy as they slip into familiar routine

Manchester United 2
Tottenham Hotspur 1

BY PETER BALL

ON ANY other Saturday, Manchester United's match with Tottenham would have been eagerly anticipated. On Saturday, after the midweek disasters, it was almost as if the two teams were playing for the soul, let alone the self-respect, of English football.

Predictably, the game could not quite match up to the weight of expectation pressing down on it. Tottenham, as always, played pleasing football and United produced some moments of magic but, even in their best spell, they did not unleash a purple patch to match the 20 minutes that dismissed Sheffield Wednesday two weeks ago.

Maybe they did not need to. At Hillsborough, it took a Wednesday goal just after the interval to shake them up. On this occasion, a scare was enough, Pallister having to hook Moran's header off the line after Schmeichel had missed Campbell's cross.

United promptly raised their game, missed a couple of good chances, took two more and then went back to sleep. "They can be sloppy when they get into a winning situation," Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, replied when asked if he could see any weakness in the United team. Not even Caskey's goal 20 minutes from time suggested Tottenham might save the game.

When a manager of Ardiles's ability and expectations is "very, very proud of my boys," when they were clearly second best, the statement tells its own story. Tottenham are not alone. Asked if he thought anybody was capable of stopping United, Ardiles weighed up his conclusion and then said: "At the moment, the answer is no."

On Saturday, not even the demands and disappointments of the internationals undermined them, although both Alex Ferguson and Bryan Robson suggested that United's sluggish opening could be put down to re-adjusting to Premiership football.

If the physical recovery was swift, so, it appeared, was the mental one. "I know from the experience of getting knocked out of the European championships that you are really down for a time," Robson said. "but I said to the lads that there are a lot of good things to come at this club over the next few months.

"If they go on and do a double of the Premiership and the European Cup — which I'm not saying they will, but they could — then it will be a great summer anyway, even if nothing can make up for the lost opportunity to play in the World Cup finals."

Robson said "they", but with Ince injured, his contribution on Saturday suggested he still intends to play his part in United's success and he was quick to insist that that success would be significant for England.

"I've always wanted to see the football playing teams do well because it encourages the others to follow suit," he said. "Even if you only change a few people's opinions on the game, that's a little progress, and you can go and preach it. The long ball was preached and we should preach good football."

However, if United represent the best of British football, unfortunately for England, Saturday's performance was once again the story of an Irishman, a Welshman and a Frenchman. Giggs was in his element but Keane and Cantona, who both had almost as much reason to be depressed as the England trio, were equally influential.

Keane was back to his powerful best, driving forward insistantly and scoring the first goal with a perfectly-controlled volley. With the European Cup match on Wednesday in mind, he might have been proving a point and Ferguson, who left him out of the previous match against Honved, took it. "I don't think he'll be disappointed this time," Ferguson said. "He proved today that he really wants to play on Wednesday."

The most important English contribution came from Sharpe, who provided the cross for Keane's goal and then scored the second as Howells's slip let him in.

Nevertheless, in the long term, perhaps the best hope for England came from Tottenham. With the club now being charged by the Football Association over an illegal approach to Ardiles, their troubles off the field are unceasing but, on the field, they are a delight. Any realistic hopes they had of embarrassing United disappeared with the loss of Sheringham after 24 minutes but Barmby made a more than satisfactory return to first-team football after his injury. He may be something for England to treasure in the long hard winter ahead.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4) : P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — R Keane, B Robson (sub: B McClair, 68min) — L Sharpe, E Cantona, M Hughes, R Giggs (sub: N Butt, 78)
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-2-1-2) : E Thorstvedt — D Kerslake, D Howells, G Mabbutt, S Campbell — V Samways — D Caskey, S Sedgley — J Dozzell — N Barmby, E Sheringham (sub: P Moran, 24, sub: J Edinburgh, 69)
Referee: K W Burge.



Pointing the way ahead, Keane is congratulated by Bruce, top, and Parker after opening the scoring for Manchester United with a volley against Tottenham at Old Trafford. Photograph: Laurence Griffiths

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	11	28	+15	LWWWW
2	Norwich	11	21	+9	LDWWW
3	Arsenal	11	21	+6	WLWDD
4	Leeds	11	20	+4	WWWWD
5	Tottenham	11	18	+6	DWDWL
6	Blackburn	10	18	+4	DWLDW
7	Aston Villa	11	17	+3	DWDLD
8	QPR	11	17	0	LDDWW
9	Wimbledon	11	17	0	WWDLD
10	Liverpool	11	16	+6	LLLDW
11	Newcastle	11	16	+4	WDWWL
12	Everton	11	16	-1	WWLLD
13	Coventry	11	15	+2	DWLLD
14	Manchester City	11	13	+1	WLWDD
15	Chelsea	11	13	0	WDWLL
16	Ipswich	11	13	-4	LLDLD
17	West Ham	11	12	-7	DWLWD
18	Sheffield Utd	10	9	-5	LDLLD
19	Sheffield Wed	11	8	-6	LWDLD
20	Oldham	11	7	-11	LLDDL
21	Southampton	11	5	-8	LLLDD
22	Swindon	11	4	-18	DDLLD

Weekly change ... Up ... Stayed the same ... Down

Upbeat finale cloaks disharmony

Liverpool 2
Oldham Athletic 1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

SEVEN minutes from time, the home supporters started drifting away. An Anfield occurrence as rare as a red card in Rotterdam. Liverpool trailed 1-0 to Oldham Athletic, had not scored an FA Carling Premiership goal in approaching ten hours and were heading for a sixth successive league match without victory. The fickle had had enough; they were off.

Four minutes later, the faithful were rewarded with an equaliser from Fowler; into injury time, Barlow turned Ruddock's wayward shot into his own net. Liverpool had somehow won. Oldham had somehow lost and those who departed prematurely were left cursing their impatience.

For many of the Oldham players, having tasted league success just once this season, it was too much. Like the shattered England team after their 2-0 World Cup defeat in Holland on Wednesday, they sank to their knees, held heads in hands and looked to the heavens for explanation.

It was a travesty. Oldham had arrived without a prayer, sure-fire fodder for a Liverpool side itching to regain their early-season impetus. Yet they absorbed sporadic pressure, broke incisively and took a deserved lead from Beckford's header after 73 minutes. It should have been enough.

"I'm utterly devastated," Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, said. "I'd have been disappointed to get just a point but to get nothing is ridiculous. At least we showed we have the ability to compete at this level."

Oldham retained senior status last season by winning their last three matches and, despite a refreshingly adventurous outlook on life, can expect to be involved in similar feats of escapology this time around. Whatever the outcome, Royle, the longest-serving manager in the Premiership, is likely to remain in charge. Boundary Park is content with the occasional glory day — second division championship, Littlewoods Cup final. It is happy to embrace fine football, to scrap for and scrape survival by Royle appointment.

Merseyside, though, demands much more. A term without European competition is bad enough but another term without sight of domestic silverware is not far short of heresy. Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, has spent millions rebuilding his squad but the Kop will tolerate the phrase "transitional period" only so much longer.

Liverpool still have style. Barnes, yet to play this season, was resplendent in steel-tipped cowboy boots, mini-waistcoat, white shirt outside trousers and long jacket as he mingled with the crowd before the game. Grobbelaar, pig-tailed and pouting, looked positively sinister in black cap, black top and black bottoms, a cat burglar prowling between the sticks.

Yet when the team cannot string together even short passes, finds opponents more regularly than team-mates and has to rely on pushing the bulldozing Ruddock up front to make an impact, something is radically wrong, even if Redknapp, through his industry and Fowler, 18, with his eye for goal, at least offered glimpses of hope.

"I don't know why we played so poorly," Souness, twitching with embarrassment, said. Shifting part of the blame on midweek internationals was unconvincing. "Please, don't ask me any more questions. Can I go and get drunk now?" he joked. It will take more than a stiff drink to solve Liverpool's problems.

LIVERPOOL (4-1-2-1-2): B Grobbelaar — R Jones, M Wright, N Ruddock, J Dicks (sub: M Walters, 61min) — P Stewart — J Redknapp, D Hutchison (sub: S Nicol, 45) — N Clough — I Rush, R Fowler.
OLDHAM ATHLETIC (3-4-1-2): P Gerrard — C Fleming, S Redmond, A Barlow — G Halle, M Milligan, N Henry, R Holden — P Bernard — G Sharp, D Beckford
Referee: A Wilkie.

Distracted Villa decline to deliver

West Ham United 0
Aston Villa 0

BY KEITH PIKE

THE wisecracks flowed at their usual rate, the smile was as broad and, seemingly, as genuine as ever. On the surface, all appeared well with Ron Atkinson, manager of Aston Villa and, maybe, the next manager of England, on Saturday. But is it?

Charisma is only skin deep. Beneath the expensive suits and irritatingly permanent suntan, there has always been ambition, enough to turn a moderate player into a winner and subsequently allow the manager of Kettering Town to progress to the pinnacle of Old Trafford. Always, his teams had flair. Equally, they reflected his desire.

But if Atkinson is now mirrored by Villa, something has gone wrong. Refusing to accept Graham Taylor's poisoned chalice is one thing : conceding the FA Carling Premiership quite another. Yet that is what seems to have been done.

The Villa of last season would have won this match at a canter. Then, it was as often their resolve as their undoubted talents that sustained them during a prolonged yet ultimately futile pursuit of Manchester United. Now, there was little evidence of either.

Where Houghton would burst through to support his forwards and Richardson would work himself into the ground to sustain Villa's momentum, here they were content largely to sit back, to contain. Where were the flashes of inspiration from Dalian Atkinson? Apart from one powerful run and a shot that singed Miklosko's fingertips, this was Dalian the disinterested. And where was Gordon Cowans, the veteran pass master able to win a game with one moment of vision? Not even on the substitutes' bench.

There, Ron Atkinson had two potential match-winners in Whittingham and Parker, yet there they stayed, even when West Ham were tiring and the points were there to be taken. Atkinson conceded that he had had "one eye" on Villa's Uefa Cup-tie against Deportivo La Coruña tomorrow when he made the decision. Cups, not the title, appear to be the priority.

What Billy Bonds would give to be able to define his targets so broadly. West Ham's far more meagre resources dictate that survival is the only realistic aim, and that might not prove beyond them.



Atkinson: disinterested

Selling Dicks to Liverpool and essentially rebuilding the team on the proceeds has so far been a shrewd piece of business. Of six matches since Dicks departed, West Ham have won four and drawn one. A fifth victory was almost granted them on Saturday by a schoolboy blunder by Bosnich, who tried to dribble around Chapman, slipped and only just managed to recover.

It was a rare moment to warm those frozen to the terraces. Holmes's industry caught the eye in West Ham's midfield and Daley's runs occasionally dazzled. But, like the match itself, he consistently failed to deliver.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, S Potts, A Gale, D Burrows — M Marsh, P Butler, I Bishop, M Holmes — L Chapman, T Morley.
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — N Cox, P McGrath, S Teale, B Small — R Houghton, K Richardson, A Townsend, A Daley — D Saunders, D Atkinson.
Referee: S Lodge

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Wolverhampton rally behind Turner

Crystal Palace 1
Wolverhampton W 1

BY KEITH PIKE



CHRIS COLE/ALLSPORT

White, of Palace, turns away from the attentions of Cook, the Wolverhampton midfield player, at Selhurst Park yesterday

HAVING spent so much money for so little return, this was a result Graham Turner, the beleaguered manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, would gladly have written out another cheque for. By holding Crystal Palace to a draw at Selhurst Park yesterday, his team may just have prolonged Turner's tenure after the club's worst start to a season for eight years.

Palace, whose free-scoring exploits have torn several Endsleigh Insurance League first division defences to shreds this season, would have returned to the top of the table with the victory expected of them. Instead, they needed a goal from a most unexpected quarter to prevent their first defeat in seven league games, a run that had produced 19 points.

Wolves arrived in twentieth place and left four notches higher thanks to an accomplished and committed performance in which Derek Mountfield, their veteran centre half, was outstanding. Turner hurried from the ground immediately after the game but Alan Smith, the Palace manager, confirmed what had seemed obvious from the stands.

"It says a lot for Graham that the Wolves players were willing to perform like that for him," Smith said. "This was a game Wolves could not afford to lose because of the pressure on their manager and the team rallied well for him."

Short memories in the West Midlands have not helped Turner's cause. When he took over seven years ago, Wolverhampton were languishing in the fourth division, a once great club suffering humiliation.

Turner supervised promotion in successive seasons but four years of consolidation have proved too many on the terraces.

Having spent £2.5 million in the summer on Keen, David Kelly, Shirtliff and Thomas — from Palace — Turner needed instant results. Instead, a run of one win in seven games had increased calls for his head. Then, on Friday, came the dreaded vote of confidence from Sir Jack Hayward, the multi-millionaire club president who had bankrolled Turner's spree.

"Surely the time to judge him is when all his team is fit," he said. "Until then, he has the board's loyalty and support." Wolverhampton are still far from at full strength, with Bull — having missed seven games through injury — now suspended and Thomas still sidelined with a twisted knee. But neither did they look a spent force yesterday. The deployment of three centre halves nullified the twin threat of Armstrong and Whyte, while Salako, who had marked his return to the side with a hat-trick against Stoke 15 days ago, got little change out of either Venus or Simkin on the flanks.

Wolverhampton had the benefit of an early goal. Dennison had already gone close when, in the seventh minute, Regis turned Young brilliantly ten yards out. His low shot was bound for the far corner until Martyn dived to his right to parry, but David Kelly was left with a simple tap-in at the far post.

Palace, typically slow into their stride, eventually found some sort of rhythm, but with Wolverhampton displaying rare confidence and a sure touch on the break, their only chance came when Stowell dropped a free kick under pressure. That was until John Humphrey, who had been doubtful with an ankle injury, decided to join the attack on the stroke of half-time.

In a career which started at Wolverhampton 15 years ago, the full back had only scored seven League goals at a rate of one every 50 games. His eighth was worth waiting for. Moving forward in support of Thorn's break, he got the ball 30 yards out and promptly sent it screaming past Stowell with his right foot.

It was poor entertainment, Smith conceded. "You can only play as well as you are allowed to and Wolves defended well," he said. Turner will have drawn much more comfort from the result.

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-3-3): N Martyn — J Humphrey (sub: S Rodger, 57min), E Young, A Thorn, C Coleman — R Bowry (sub: D Gordon, 81), R Shaw, G Southgate — C Armstrong, D Whyte, J Salako.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (5-3-2): M Stowell — D Simkin, P Blades (sub: P Edwards, 81), D Mountfield, P Shirtliff, M Venus — J Kelly, P Cook, R Dennison — D Kelly, C Regis.

Referee: M Pierce.

Defeat fails to stop Scottish supporters' fun

RODDY FORSYTH



Scottish commentary

At the same time as police in riot gear were wading into England's so-called travelling supporters in Rotterdam, there was an intriguing sight in the Olympic Stadium in Rome, where several hundred Scottish supporters had assembled to watch their country's defeat by Italy. On the scale of previous Tartan Army excursions, the Scottish presence was slight but never anonymous.

Half an hour after the game, they remained, joined by a band of like-minded Italians, to combine in chants of "Scozia" and "Italia". This was not entirely a voluntary procedure, because the Italian police, as is the custom when British teams play abroad, delayed the departure of the visiting supporters to avoid the possibility of trouble outside the ground.

Butnot that any was likely to be generated by the Scots. I met two of them on the Spanish Steps the night before the game. They had travelled from London to see both Scotland and Rome at play. They knew what Rome had to offer, but the geography of the Scottish team eluded them.

Would Levein play sweeper? McCoist to lead the attack? What exactly was wrong with Goram? The questions betrayed their remoteness from the day-to-day chronicle of the team. They had come to Rome not because of a desire to see how Craig Brown might reshape the side, but to pay homage to their own nationality in one of the few ways it can be manifested publicly.

Theirs was a tribute to Scotland the Vague. The Scottish supporters do care whether the team wins or loses, but it is one of the legacies of Andy Roxburgh that the supporters do not let defeat stand in the way of their celebrations.

Roxburgh venerated the Scottish supporters to their faces as when he pushed money through the wire in the Ulleval Stadium in Oslo in 1988 after being told by a couple of the lads that they had spent everything hitch-hiking to see the team play in a World Cup qualifying match there. One reason for Roxburgh's largesse was, of course, that he felt more secure in the supporters' affections than he did with some of his senior players — notably Bett, Gough, Nicol, Souness and Sharp.

It frequently seemed, in fact, that Roxburgh was really a super supporter inhabiting his own dream, never more so than in the European championship in Sweden last year, when he took to awarding Scotland jerseys to police outriders and he addressed the supporters tearfully through the perimeter fencing after games.

The Tartan Army soon developed the notion, so that when the Scots played their opening World Cup qualifying fixture in Switzerland last year, and were deservedly beaten 3-1, the supporters stayed on for an hour and refused to move until the team returned to the field. Astonishingly, they did and Scotland became the first country to emerge for a lap of defeat.

It happened again this week, men and women in kilts and bonnets demanding a parade of losers. The Scots should change the name of their game to Disassociation Football. Still, it is vastly better than kicking heads in gutters, although part of the fun is doing the opposite of the English; if English supporters dressed in tartan, the Scots would follow their team in pinstriped suits and bowler hats.

That is why there will never be a Great Britain side, even if some suggest it when the four home associations hold their next meeting in December. The atmosphere at that gathering may be brittle. Scotland have no manager, Billy Bingham is shortly to retire from the Northern Ireland job and a sweepstake can be run on Graham Taylor's severance from England.

The Scots intend to ask the others to implement the concept of international weeks, so that national managers can gather their players together for seven days away from the domestic grind. It is a small step, but for Scotland, at least, it could mark a vast improvement on their current 48 hours' preparation.

Middlesbrough emphasise promotion potential

Middlesbrough 4
Sunderland 1

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

MIDDLESBROUGH'S football was as bright as the autumn sunshine at Ayresome Park yesterday. A change in the weather brought about a revival in their form and fortunes and lifted them back among the first division pace-setters where, on this showing, they belong.

However, while Middlesbrough climbed to third, Sunderland were left third from bottom. Many thought Terry Butcher, their manager, had cured the malaise that had hampered them in the early stages of the season but this represented a serious relapse. Maybe Sunderland are not on the mend after all.

They began badly, falling behind in the seventh minute. Jamie Pollock's importance in Middlesbrough's midfield was emphasised, not for the first time, when he won a challenge before finding Hignett on the right. He collided with Ord, recovered and ran on to dispatch a shot that rebounded in off a post. Ord failed to recover. A stretcher was summoned and Sunderland's left back was taken to hospital suffering from concussion.

Next to lose their bearings, if only momentarily, were the Middlesbrough defenders, all of them were looking groggy after Ball and Howey gave Goodman the space to move in from the right and punish Pears with a shot from the most awkward of angles. It underlined why Goodman has attracted interest from Manchester City.

Before the half-hour was up, Middlesbrough restored their lead. Mustoe demonstrated the benefit of passing the ball early, along the ground, to supply Hendrie and, with Sunderland at sixes and sevens, he advanced to wallop the ball passed the unprotected Chamberlain.

Four minutes later, it was 3-1. Again Mustoe, Middlesbrough's outstanding player on the day, supplied the vital pass and again Hendrie, seeking his thirteenth goal since August, closed in on Chamberlain. This time, he was denied by a Sunderland defender but the ball span free to Wilkinson, who pounced and polished off the move with a perfect shot.

Goodman was rather less clinical when blasting a second-half penalty over the bar after being brought down by Liburd before Middlesbrough again exposed Sunderland's defensive frailties within sight of the finish as Wilkinson rose, unmarked, to head home Hendrie's cross.

There were positive signs fo Sunderland, notably in the form of James Lawrence, a new recruit recently released from serving a prison sentence for robbery, who appeared as a second-half substitute. Running at Middlesbrough's red shirts, he caught the eye, even if his Rastafarian ringlet style ponytail makes it difficult not to notice him. Such direct thrusts will disconcert defenders but the big test will be of Lawrence's temperament.

Bearing in mind that the other Lawrence, Lennie, the Middlesbrough manager, has more than £2 million to spend on new players, promotion must be a strong possibility for his team. He knows it, too.

"I'm going home three-quarters happy," he said. "I've got some good vibes from this afternoon but, without sounding too churlish, I'm not happy with all aspects of our defensive play and concentration. My search for new players intensifies."

MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): S Pears — C Morris, N Mohan, D Whyte, R Liburd — C Hignett, J Pollock, R Mustoe, A Moore — P Wilkinson, J Hendrie.

SUNDERLAND (4-4-2): A Chamberlain — K Ball, G Bennett, A Melville, R Ord (sub: C Russell, 8min) — G Owers, D Ferguson (sub: J Lawrence, 67), B Atkinson, G Armstrong — L Howey, D Goodman.

Referee: R Dilkes.

FA Carling Premiership

ARSENAL (0) 0 MAN CITY (0) 0
29,567

CHELSEA (0) 1 NORWICH (1) 2
Peacock 82; Fox 22, Sutton 69
16,923

COVENTRY (0) 1 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1
Babb 88; Charlton 57
9,984

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 OLDHAM (0) 1
Fowler 87, Barlow 90 (og); Beckford 73
32,661

MAN UTD (0) 2 TOTTENHAM (0) 1
Keane 65, Sharpe 70; Caskey 73
44,655

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 QPR (1) 2
Allen 48; Ferdinand 10, Allen 50
33,926

SHEFF WED (1) 2 WIMBLEDON (0) 2
Waddle 9, R Jones 84; Blissett 46, V Jones 89
21,752

SWINDON (0) 1 EVERTON (1) 1
Taylor 89; Beagrie 27
14,414

WEST HAM (0) 0 A VILLA (0) 0
20,425

Yesterday

IPSWICH (0) 0 LEEDS UTD (0) 0
17,548

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man Utd	11	5	1	0	14	4	4	0	1	10	5	28
2 Norwich	11	2	1	2	2	3	4	2	0	19	9	21
3 Arsenal	11	4	1	1	9	4	2	2	1	3	2	21
4 Leeds	11	4	0	1	8	5	2	2	2	6	5	20
5 Tottenham	11	3	1	1	10	4	2	2	2	8	8	18
6 Blackburn	10	1	2	2	5	7	4	1	0	9	3	18
7 A Villa	11	2	1	2	6	5	2	4	0	6	4	17
8 QPR	11	3	1	1	10	7	2	1	3	8	11	17
9 Wimbledon	11	2	3	0	6	4	2	2	2	7	9	17
10 Liverpool	11	3	1	2	7	4	2	0	3	8	5	16
11 Newcastle	11	3	1	2	9	6	1	3	1	7	6	16
12 Everton	11	3	0	2	8	8	2	1	3	6	7	16
13 Coventry	11	2	3	1	6	6	1	3	1	7	5	15
14 Man City	11	1	3	1	6	5	2	1	3	4	4	13
15 Chelsea	11	3	1	2	7	5	0	3	2	3	5	13
16 Ipswich	11	2	3	1	6	5	1	1	3	4	9	13
17 West Ham	11	2	2	2	3	6	1	1	3	3	7	12
18 Sheff Utd	10	2	2	1	8	6	0	1	4	7	14	9
19 Sheff Wed	11	1	3	2	9	9	0	2	3	4	10	8
20 Oldham	11	0	3	2	5	9	1	1	4	3	10	7
21 Soton	11	1	1	3	9	11	0	1	5	2	8	5
22 Swindon	11	0	2	4	5	15	0	2	3	4	12	4

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Guiseley 4 Tow Law 3; Dunston FB 2 Newcastle Blue Star 1; Harrogate 3 Chorley 1; Stockton 2 Great Harwood 1, Workington 0 Bridlington Town 2, Seaham Red Star 3 West Auckland 1; Consett 3 Chester-le-Street 0; Gainsborough Trinity 1 Matlock 2; Goole 3 Dudley 1, Alfreton 2 Congleton 0, Redditch 2 Moor Green 1, Stourbridge 0 Halesowen 1; Grantham 3 Droylsden 2, Buxton 1 Colwyn Bay 6; Rushden and Diamonds 0 Burton Albion 1; Tamworth 2 Emley 2; Baldock 2 Purfleet 3, Marlow 1 Hayes 1; Yeading 1 Leyton 1, Cambridge City 1 Chelmsford City 1, Bishop's Stortford 1 Billericay 2; Wembley 1 Staines 1; Harrow Borough 0 Borehamwood 0; Tooting and Mitcham 1 Erith and Belvedere 2; Molesey 0 Sittingbourne 4, Ashford 1 Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Croydon 1 Worthing 7; Fisher 93 0 Dulwich Hamlet 2, Witney 0 Dorchester 1, Weston-super-Mare 2 Newport AFC 0; Abingdon 1 Wokingham 1; Poole 1 Waterlooville 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 3 Cheltenham 2; Gloucester 2 Hastings 1; Hednesford 4 Nuneaton 1, Solihull 2 Bashley 0. Trowbridge 1 Corby Town 1. Worcester 0 VS Farnborough 2 Midland division: Armitage 0 VS Rugby 1; Bilston 2 Sutton Coldfield 0, Clevedon 3 Bridgnorth 0; Evesham 4 Forest Green 2, King's Lynn 0 Bedworth 1; Yate 2 RC Warwick 2. Southern division: Braintree 1 Weymouth 1; Buckingham 2 Tonbridge AFC 1, Burnham 3 Wealdstone 0; Havant 1 Margate 1, Newport IoW 0 Canterbury City 0; Salisbury City 3 Fareham 2; Sudbury 5 Dunstable 2.

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 WATFORD (0) 0
Wallace 78
12,823

BOLTON (2) 4 MILLWALL (0) 0
McGinlay 27, 34, McAteer 76, Lee 78
9,386

BRISTOL C (0) 0 BARNSLEY (1) 2
Bryson 35, Redfearn 52
6,923

CHARLTON (1) 2 LEICESTER (0) 1
Chapple 31, Pitcher 87 (pen); Agnew 88
8,316

LUTON (1) 1 NOTTS CO (0) 0
Dickov 13
6,366

NOTTM FOR (1) 2 TRANMERE (0) 1
Collymore 16, Gemmill 56; Malkin 90
20,771

PORTSMOUTH (1) 3 DERBY (1) 2
Walsh 37, Durnin 45, Symons 60 (pen); Johnson 15, Kitson 66
12,404

SOUTHEND (4) 6 OXFORD UTD (0) 1
Mooney 16, 40, 75, Otto 19, 74, Edwards 24; Penney 73
4,432

STOKE (0) 1 GRIMSBY (0) 0
Lever 70 (og)
14,696

WEST BROM (0) 3 PETERBORO (0) 0
Taylor 46, 59, Strodder 49
15,134

Yesterday

C PALACE (1) 1 WOLVES (1) 1
Humphrey 44; Kelly 7
13,056

MIDDLESBRO (3) 4 SUNDERLAND (1) 1
Hignett 8, Hendrie 29, Wilkinson 33, 76; Goodman 21
12,772

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Tranmere	12	5	0	1	12	6	2	2	2	6	7	23
2 Charlton	12	4	2	0	9	2	2	3	1	6	8	23
3 Middlsbro	12	3	2	1	13	5	3	1	2	11	9	21
4 C Palace	10	4	2	0	13	3	2	1	1	8	5	21
5 Leicester	10	3	1	0	10	4	3	0	3	7	7	19
6 Southend	11	3	1	1	12	4	2	1	3	9	11	17
7 Derby	11	5	0	0	15	4	0	2	4	4	14	17
8 Grimsby	12	2	4	0	9	3	1	3	2	10	12	16
9 Portsmth	12	3	2	1	10	8	0	4	2	8	13	15
10 Watford	11	3	2	1	9	6	1	1	3	7	11	15
11 Millwall	11	3	1	1	9	6	1	2	3	2	11	15
12 Birmnghm	11	2	3	1	10	8	1	2	2	6	7	14
13 Bolton	10	3	1	1	11	6	1	1	3	3	7	14
14 Stoke	11	2	0	3	4	5	2	2	2	10	12	14
15 Bristol C	12	3	1	2	7	6	1	1	4	5	10	14
16 Wolves	11	2	2	1	9	6	1	2	3	6	8	13
17 Notts Co	10	4	0	1	10	4	0	1	4	5	11	13
18 Barnsley	12	1	1	4	6	10	3	0	3	8	11	13
19 West Brom	11	3	2	1	13	10	0	1	4	5	10	12
20 Nottm For	10	2	2	1	11	9	1	1	3	6	9	12
21 Luton	11	3	0	3	8	7	0	2	3	3	8	11
22 Sundrlnd	10	3	1	1	9	4	0	1	4	2	12	11
23 Oxford Utd	10	3	1	1	12	9	0	0	5	3	15	10
24 Peterboro	11	2	3	1	11	7	0	0	5	1	12	9

DR MARTENS CUP: First round, first leg: Hinckley 0 Gresley 4.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 0 Sutton United 0; Bromley 6 Wivenhoe 0; Carshalton 1 Chesham 1; Dorking 1 Aylesbury 4; Hitchin 1 Kingstonian 3. First division: Bognor Regis 4 Whyteleafe 1; Heybridge Swifts 4 Berkhamsted 1; Ruislip Manor 1 Chalfont St Peter 2; Uxbridge 2 Walton and Hersham 3; Windsor and Eton 2 Barking 3. Second division: Banstead Athletic 0 Aldershot 0; Barton 0 Saffron Walden 1, Collier Row 1 Hungerford 1; Edgware 1 Hampton 1; Egham 3 Rainham 0; Hemel Hempstead 1 Leatherhead 1; Lewes 1 Malden Vale 1; Newbury 5 Chertsey 2, Thame 1 Metropolitan Police 3; Tilbury 5 Ware 1; Witham 1 Aveley 3. Third division: Clapton 1 Kingsbury 1; Cove 2 Epsom and Ewell 5; East Thurrock 1 Bracknell 1; Harlow 1 Northwood 1, Hornchurch 0 Cheshunt 2, Leighton 4 Camberley 0, Royston 4 Harefield 1. Postponed: Hertford v Flackwell Heath.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich 2 Bristol Rovers 1.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 PORT VALE (1) 3
Griffiths 58; Cross 20, 81, Taylor 51
8,969

BOURNEMTH (1) 2 BRIGHTON (0) 1
Masters 40, McGorry 48; Chapman 88
5,896

BRADFORD (0) 0 BURNLEY (1) 1
Heath 10
9,501

BRENTFORD (1) 2 WREXHAM (0) 1
Ratcliffe 34, Allon 46; Bennett 64
5,801

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Clayton 86
3,318

CARDIFF (0) 1 BRISTOL R (1) 2
Richardson 54 (pen); Taylor 1, 67
5,563

HUDDERSFLD (0) 1 BARNET (0) 2
Wells 48; Finnegan 52, Haag 73
5,614

HULL (0) 1 FULHAM (1) 1
Peacock 75; Farrell 28
6,089

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 YORK (1) 1
Dalton 18, Corazzin 63; Barnes 45
5,982

READING (1) 2 L ORIENT (0) 1
Quinn 30, 50; West 77
6,066

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 SWANSEA (0) 1
Goodwin 44; McFarlane 69
3,178

STOCKPORT (3) 4 EXETER (0) 0
Ryan 3, Francis 23, Frain 37, Ward 52
4,349

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Stockport	12	6	0	0	16	3	2	3	1	8	7	27
2 Reading	12	5	1	0	15	7	3	1	2	16	11	26
3 Hull	12	4	2	0	12	5	3	1	2	12	13	24
4 Bristol R	12	4	1	1	12	7	3	1	2	7	7	23
5 Plymouth	12	5	0	1	15	7	2	1	3	11	13	22
6 Burnley	12	6	0	0	18	5	1	0	5	8	11	21
7 Port Vale	12	4	2	0	18	5	2	1	3	7	9	21
8 Bournmth	11	3	2	1	8	6	3	1	1	7	4	21
9 Blackpool	12	4	1	1	10	7	2	1	3	12	13	20
10 York	12	3	1	2	11	6	3	0	3	7	8	19
11 L Orient	12	3	1	2	10	8	2	0	4	7	13	16
12 Swansea	12	3	2	1	11	7	1	2	3	4	7	16
13 Exeter	12	3	1	2	15	11	1	2	3	8	13	16
14 Cambridge	12	3	1	2	10	8	1	2	3	7	12	15
15 Brentford	12	3	1	2	7	6	1	2	3	4	7	15
16 Bradford	12	4	0	2	14	8	0	2	4	7	15	14
17 Rotherham	12	2	2	2	9	9	1	3	2	7	10	14
18 Wrexham	12	3	2	1	16	9	0	1	5	2	14	12
19 Huddersfld	12	1	2	3	4	8	2	1	3	8	9	12
20 Brighton	12	1	4	1	6	7	1	1	4	7	13	11
21 Hartlepool	12	2	1	3	4	5	1	1	4	4	8	11
22 Cardiff	11	1	1	3	10	11	1	3	2	7	11	10
23 Fulham	12	0	2	4	4	10	2	1	3	6	7	9
24 Barnet	12	0	1	5	3	9	1	0	5	6	22	4

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Midland Bank 0, Old Esthameians 3, Broomfield 3 Old Bromleians 1; Southgate Olympic 0 Lloyds Bank 4; Old Parkonians 3 Old Stationers 0; Old Westminster Cits 4 Old Lyonians 2; Cuaco 2 Alleyn Old Boys 4

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido 0 Connah's Quay 1; Bangor 1 Aberystwyth 1; Conwy 0 Ton Pentre 1; Flint Town United 0 Briton Ferry 1; Haverfordwest 0 Caersws 1; Llansantffraid 0 Inter Cardiff 1; Maesteg Park 2 Holywell 4; Mold 1 Cwmbran 2; Newtown 3 Llanelli 1; Porthmadog 1 Ebbw Vale 2.

Third division

CARLISLE (1) 1 MANSFIELD (0) 1
Davey 45; Stringfellow 90
4,480

CHESTER (1) 1 SHREWSBURY (0) 0
Rimmer 22
3,052

CHESTERFLD (0) 3 TORQUAY (0) 1
Moss 49, Hewitt 67, Norris 72; Darby 75
2,393

DONCASTER (1) 1 BURY (1) 3
Jones 29; Stevens 36, Adekola 74, 85
2,613

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 DARLINGTON (1) 1
Arnott 43, Smith 87; Isaacs 10
3,063

HEREFORD (2) 5 COLCHESTR (0) 0
Pike 29, 43 (pen), 51, Fry 64, Hall 88
1,848

ROCHDALE (0) 0 WALSALL (0) 0
2,929

SCARBORO (1) 1 CREWE (0) 2
Charles 9; Evans 87, Smith 90
1,551

SCUNTHRPE (4) 7 NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Carmichael 8, 39, 79, Thompstone 14, Smith 34, Toman 56, Elliott 83
2,184

WIGAN (2) 2 PRESTON (2) 2
McKearney 15, 45; Conroy 4, Challender 26
3,741

WYCOMBE (1) 2 LINCOLN (3) 3
Carroll 4, Thompson 77; West 23, Baraclough 40 (pen), Matthews 42
5,623

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Crewe	11	5	1	0	17	6	2	2	1	9	7	24
2 Preston	11	5	0	1	17	6	2	2	1	13	11	23
3 Rochdale	11	4	1	1	13	3	2	2	1	9	6	21
4 Wycombe	11	2	1	2	7	9	3	3	0	13	10	19
5 Scunthrp	11	2	2	1	12	5	3	1	2	6	3	18
6 Mansfield	11	3	1	1	8	5	2	2	2	8	10	18
7 Colchester	11	4	1	1	15	12	1	1	3	9	13	17
8 Shrewsbry	11	3	1	1	8	6	2	1	3	9	12	17
9 Walsall	11	1	3	2	8	9	3	2	0	4	1	17
10 Chester	11	2	1	2	4	4	3	0	3	9	10	16
11 Torquay	11	1	5	0	13	12	2	1	2	9	10	15
12 Lincoln	11	2	2	2	9	12	2	1	2	7	7	15
13 Gillingham	11	2	3	1	7	7	1	2	2	5	8	14
14 Doncaster	11	2	1	2	6	6	2	1	3	5	7	14
15 Bury	11	2	2	1	7	4	1	2	3	8	12	13
16 Wigan	11	1	2	2	10	10	2	1	3	6	11	12
17 Hereford	11	2	1	3	13	8	1	1	3	6	15	11
18 Scarboro	11	0	0	5	5	13	3	2	1	10	8	11
19 Carlisle	11	1	2	2	7	6	1	3	2	5	4	11
20 Chesterfld	11	2	1	3	9	9	1	0	4	5	15	10
21 Northmptn	11	2	1	2	7	5	0	2	4	7	18	9
22 Darlington	11	0	2	4	3	9	0	2	3	4	7	4

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 2 Frickley 4; Barrow 3 Leek 0; Bishop Auckland 4 Winsford 2; Boston 4 Marine 2; Hyde 2 Morecambe 3; Whitley Bay 1 Knowsley 3. First division: Caernarfon 0 Mossley 0; Eastwood Town 1 Ashton United 2; Lancaster City 0 Farsley Celtic 0; Netherfield 1 Curzon Ashton 1; Spennymoor 2 Bamber Bridge 1; Warrington 1 Gretna 3; Worksop 5 Radcliffe Borough 4.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Wilsonians 0 Glyn 1; Tenisonians 0 Chertsey 2.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Grammarians 1 Nottsborough 1; Owens 4 Finchleians 3

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRINCHAM (1) 2 SLOUGH (0) 0
Richards 30, France 78
578

BATH (0) 2 STAFFORD (0) 3
Cousins 61, Adcock 90; Clayton 68, 85, Burr 87
656

BROMSGROVE (1) 3 GATESHEAD (0) 0
Carter 8, 90, Radburn 54
824

DAG & RED (2) 3 HALIFAX (0) 0
De Souza 9, Broom 22, 84
1,303

KETTERING (0) 1 YEOVIL (0) 0
Reed 74
1,949

MACCLSFLD (0) 1 MERTHYR (1) 2
Power 62; Williams 15, Drewitt 86
835

RUNCORN (1) 2 DOVER (0) 1
McInerny 43, Thomas 87 (pen); Bartlett 75
637

STALYBRIDGE (0) 0 KIDDERMINSTER (1) 2
Bennett 6 (og), Forsyth 85
654

TELFORD (0) 1 SOUTHPORT (1) 3
Taylor 78; Haw 7, 83, Withers 48
855

WOKING (3) 3 WITTON (0) 1
Gray 16, Craddock 19, Walker 44 (pen); Pritchard 70
1,615

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Southport	13	3	3	1	11	8	3	2	1	12	8	23
2 Slough	13	5	1	0	14	4	1	3	3	2	5	22
3 Kiddrmnstr	13	5	1	1	9	3	2	0	4	6	12	22
4 Dover	11	6	0	0	15	2	1	0	4	4	8	21
5 Stafford	12	5	0	1	15	6	1	3	2	6	11	21
6 Kettering	11	2	3	0	4	2	3	2	1	7	2	20
7 Bath	12	2	2	3	14	11	2	3	0	7	2	17
8 Runcorn	11	4	1	1	14	7	0	4	1	6	9	17
9 Dag & Red	10	4	1	0	13	5	1	1	3	5	6	17
10 Yeovil	13	3	2	1	8	2	1	3	3	9	14	17
11 Welling	10	2	2	1	5	5	2	2	1	4	2	16
12 Woking	12	4	1	2	14	11	0	2	3	1	10	15
13 Merthyr	12	1	4	0	6	5	1	3	3	8	11	13
14 Altrincham	12	2	2	2	4	4	1	2	3	4	7	13
15 Witton	13	3	2	2	9	6	0	2	4	3	9	13
16 Halifax	12	1	4	0	6	2	1	2	4	10	17	12
17 Northwich	9	1	4	0	5	4	1	1	2	3	6	11
18 Bromsgrve	10	1	3	2	9	8	1	1	2	7	10	10
19 Macclsfld	12	2	1	3	8	8	1	0	5	5	16	10
20 Stalybrdge	9	1	1	2	3	5	0	4	1	2	3	8
21 Gateshead	9	0	2	1	2	4	1	1	4	6	12	6
22 Telford	9	0	2	2	5	6	1	1	3	5	13	6

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1 Portadown 2; Ballymena 1 Glenavon 3; Bangor 2 Larne 1; Cliftonville 3 Carrick 1; Coleraine 1 Newry 1; Distillery 1 Crusaders 2; Glentoran 3 Ballyclare 0; Linfield 4 Omagh Town 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 2 North Ferriby 1; Brigg 1 Belper 3; Denaby 9 Winterton Rangers 0; Eccleshill 4 Pontefract Col 1; Glasshoughton Wel 0 Sheffield 2; Hucknall 2 Ossett Town 3; Ossett Albion 3 Liversedge 0; Pickering 0 Thackley 3; Stocksbridge PS 5 Maltby MW 2.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Blackpool Rovers 1 Prescot 1; Bootle 4 Salford City 0; Bradford Park Avenue 0 Eastwood Hanley 0; Burscough 1 Clitheroe 1; Chadderton 2 Penrith 0; Flixton 0 Darwen 1; Kidsgrove Athletic 1 Rossendale 2; Maine Road (Man) 1 Bacup Borough 1; Nantwich 1 Skelmersdale 2; Newcastle Town 0 Atherton LR 1; St Helens 3 Glossop NE 1.

Scottish League

Premier division

DUNDEE UTD (1) 2 PARTICK (1) 2
Brewster 41, Crabbe 90; Milne 43, Grant 71
5,750

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 CELTIC (0) 1
Evans 67; Creaney 85
14,588

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 ABERDEEN (0) 1
Mitchell 76; Paatelainen 73
8,108

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 DUNDEE (0) 0
Arnott 25
5,126

RAITH (1) 1 HEARTS (0) 0
Hetherston 22
5,376

RANGERS (1) 2 ST JOHNSTN (0) 0
Huistra 12, Hateley 52
41,960

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hibernian	12	4	2	0	10	4	2	2	2	8	6	16
2 Motherwell	12	3	2	1	9	5	3	1	2	5	6	15
3 Aberdeen	12	3	2	0	7	1	1	4	2	7	8	14
4 Rangers	12	3	1	2	9	7	2	3	1	7	6	14
5 Kilmarnck	12	2	4	1	7	5	2	2	1	5	4	14
6 Celtic	12	1	4	1	4	4	2	2	2	9	7	12
7 Dundee U	12	1	4	1	5	6	1	4	1	6	7	12
8 Partick	12	3	0	2	9	6	0	5	2	9	12	11
9 St Johnstn	12	3	1	2	10	8	0	4	2	3	8	11
10 Hearts	12	4	1	1	6	3	0	2	4	1	7	11
11 Raith	12	1	5	1	9	11	1	0	4	5	12	9
12 Dundee	12	1	3	2	7	7	0	0	6	2	9	5

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2 Odd Down 1; Calne Town 0 Minehead 0; Crediton United 2 Westbury United 1; Exmouth Towns 0 Torrington 3; Frome 0 Tiverton Town 3; Liskeard Athletic 1 Elmore 4; Saltash United 4 Chippenham Town 0; Taunton Town 3 Paulton Rovers 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Cholmeleians 1 Old Reptonians 4; Lancing Old Boys 1 Old Carthusians 1. First division: Old Ardinians 3 Old Westminsters 2; Old Wellingburians 5 Old Bradfieldians 1.

GERMAN LEAGUE: VfB Stuttgart 1 FC Nuremberg 0; Bayer Leverkusen 5 Schalke 04 1; Borussia Dortmund 2 Hamburg SV 1; Bayern Munich 3 Borussia Mönchengladbach 1; SC Freiburg 0 Werder Bremen 0. Friday: Wattenscheid 2 Cologne 2; Duisbourg 1 Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Dynamo Dresden 1 Karlsruhe 1. Leading positions (after 12 matches): 1, Eintracht Frankfurt, 20pts; 2, Werder Bremen, 18; 3, Bayern Munich, 16.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 1 Naples 2; Cremonese 0 Parma 0; Foggia 1 AC Milan 1; Juventus 2 Atalanta 1; Lazio 1 Piacenza 0; Lecce 0 Genoa 0; Reggiana 1 Udinese 1; Sampdoria 0 AS Roma 1. Leading positions (after eight matches): 1, AC Milan, 13pts; 2, Juventus, 12; 3, Parma, 12.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Montpellier 2 Marseilles 0 (abandoned - half-time); Lens 2 Cannes 1; Martigues 1 Toulouse 1; Strasbourg 1 Lille 1; Auxerre 4 Monaco 0; Lyon 1 Le Havre 1; Caen 1 Bordeaux 0; Metz 0 Paris Saint-Germain 1; Angers 1 Saint-Etienne 1. Leading positions (after 13 matches): 1, Paris Saint-Germain, 19 pts; 2, Bordeaux, 17; 3, Cannes, 17.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Atletico Madrid 1 Real Sociedad 2; Deportivo Coruna 1 Barcelona 0.

First division

BRECHIN (0) 0 DUMBARTON (1) 3
Mooney 42 (pen), MacDonald 54, Foster 57
517

CLYDE (0) 0 AIRDRIE (1) 2
Smith 38, Ferguson 50
1,732

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 HAMILTON (2) 2
Harvey 12, Smith 83; Ward 7, Duffield 29
1,200

FALKIRK (1) 2 AYR (0) 0
Cadette 2, May 57
3,347

ST MIRREN (1) 1 DUNFERMLINE (2) 2
McWhirter 30; Den Bieman 1, Smith 25
4,000

STIRLING (1) 1 MORTON (0) 1
Lawrie 29; McInnes 80
1,015

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Airdrie	13	5	2	0	14	5	4	0	2	9	6	20
2 Clydebank	13	3	2	1	10	6	5	1	1	17	6	19
3 Falkirk	13	5	0	2	11	6	3	2	1	10	3	18
4 Dunfermline	13	4	0	2	15	9	3	1	3	9	8	15
5 Stirling	13	4	1	1	9	5	2	1	4	9	14	14
6 Hamilton	13	2	2	2	10	7	2	2	3	7	13	12
7 Ayr	13	1	3	2	6	9	3	1	3	6	6	12
8 Dumbarton	13	2	1	4	7	8	3	0	3	9	9	11
9 Clyde	13	3	1	3	8	7	1	1	4	5	10	10
10 St Mirren	13	2	1	4	7	10	1	3	2	6	8	10
11 Morton	13	2	2	2	10	12	0	3	4	8	15	9
12 Brechin	13	2	1	4	4	9	0	1	5	2	12	6

Second division

ALBION (0) 0 MEADWBNK (0) 0
240

ARBROATH (2) 2 ALLOA (1) 3
Tindal 10, 32; Ramsay 8, 55, Willock 70
637

BERWICK (1) 3 MONTROSE (0) 3
Neil 32, 82, Graham 78; Grant 52, 56, Cooper 63
417

COWDENBTH (3) 3 QUEEN OF S (3) 3
Tristist 4, Henderson 32, Davidson 37; Bryce 19, Thomson 42, 45
339

QUEEN'S PK (1) 1 E STIRLING (0) 1
Caven 36; McDonald 55 (pen)
467

STENHSMUIR (1) 2 FORFAR (0) 0
Irvine 15, Mathieson 50
450

STRANRAER (1) 3 E FIFE (2) 2
Henderson 28, Grant 53, Sloan 84; Andrew 34, Williamson 37
506

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Queen of S	11	3	0	2	11	4	3	3	0	13	7	15
2 Meadwbnk	11	2	2	1	6	4	4	1	1	8	2	15
3 Stranraer	11	5	0	1	14	6	2	1	2	4	3	15
4 Alloa	11	2	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	11	7	14
5 Stenhsmr	11	4	2	0	11	4	2	0	3	4	8	14
6 Berwick	11	3	2	1	13	5	1	2	2	6	7	12
7 E Fife	11	3	0	2	10	6	3	0	3	8	9	12
8 Montrose	11	1	1	2	2	4	3	2	2	13	11	11
9 Forfar	11	1	2	3	6	9	2	1	2	8	7	9
10 Albion	11	1	2	3	4	6	2	1	2	7	7	9
11 E Stirling	11	1	0	4	6	11	2	2	2	8	10	8
12 Cowdnbth	11	0	1	5	7	13	2	2	1	7	8	7
13 Arbroath	11	1	2	3	10	13	1	1	3	2	7	7
14 Queen's Pk	11	2	2	2	8	10	0	0	5	2	17	6

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 0 Dundalk 1; Galway United 2 Derry City 1; Monaghan United 1 St Patrick's Athletic 2; Shamrock Rovers 7 Limerick 3.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Volendam 0 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1; Feyenoord Rotterdam 2 Willem II Tilburg 0; FC Twente Enschede 2 Ajax Amsterdam 1; FC Utrecht 0 PSV Eindhoven 4; RKC Waalwijk 2 FC Groningen 3; Roda JC Kerkrade 2 Vitesse Arnhem 1; NAC Breda 6 SC Heerenveen 0; VVV Venlo 1 MVV Maastricht 7; Cambuur Leeuwarden 1 Sparta Rotterdam 1.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2½	3	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	2½	3	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	3	2	1½	2½

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MARC ASPLAND



Moon, the Wales scrum half, attempts to escape the attentions of Japan during his side's record 55-5 triumph at Cardiff Arms Park. Moon was among the seven Wales try scorers

Wales take advantage of Japanese errors

Wales 55
Japan 5

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LIKE ships that pass in the night, the Japanese began the long journey home from their tour of Wales yesterday, just as New Zealand were beginning their descent into England, where they arrive today. Two countries whose playing records could not be more dissimilar but whose styles now bear notional similarities.

The watchword for both is continuity but, if fluid rugby is what you seek, then the accompanying watchword must be accuracy. Your basic skills must stand any test — which New Zealand's famously do — but Japan's crumbled sadly at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday. Of the nine Welsh tries four, at the minimum, were the direct result of Japanese errors and though part of the game is placing pressure on opponents, no side has the right to expect such a stream of gifts.

Partly for that reason, it was a less than satisfactory afternoon for Wales, despite a victory by five goals and four tries to a try that constituted both a record Welsh score, surpassing the 49-14 win over France in 1910, and a record margin, which was previously 46-0 against the United States in 1987. Their domination of the lineout was nothing like they anticipated, thanks to the efforts of the two South Sea islands imports, Bruce Ferguson and Samuel Kaleta, and they allowed their concentration to drift so startlingly in the final quarter that the initiative all but passed to Japan.

But it was the first game of a long international season and a half-century against anyone is to be enjoyed. "We are looking to increase the amount of phase play," Alan Davies, the Wales coach, said. "It's important for our style to be able to inter-pass the ball so that the talent of our good runners can be exhibited.

"Canada [on November 10] will be a more interesting game. We will have to rely on our backs keeping the ball more, which is the game we want to play."

There was a frenetic air about some of the Welsh play which echoed that of the opening fixture of the Japanese tour, when Wales A won 61-5. That, though, is the nature of much of the rugby — draughts as opposed to chess — played under the laws, and amid the hurrying and scurrying, Adrian Davies had the sort of match at stand-off half which hinted, though no more than that, at better things to come. He sees space swiftly, which is always a blessing at stand-off, and Gibbs's physical presence outside him must have been a comfort.

Against bigger, more knowledgeable opponents, however, Davies may have to offer a greater threat himself, ball in hand, so his game against the Canada, assuming continuity of selection, will be instructive.

If Japan were to create any uncertainty they had to do so early in a stadium less than half-full. But within 45 seconds they had conceded the first of Ieuan Evans's tries, one of the fastest in international rugby. Nagatomo missed two penalties and his difficulties at scrum half, and his misalliance with Aoki, compounded those of his team.

Nagatomo encapsulated many of Japan's problems in the modern world of rugby. Both their World Cup scrum halves missed this tour through injury, leaving Nagatomo — all 5ft 4in and 10st of him — to make his international debut, a studious-looking youth in the big boys' playground. For an hour it seemed we might never see the gifted Kutsuki and Yoshida in action and when we did, Wales were hard pressed to hold them.

"We came to the game with a lot of hope but we couldn't cope with the pressure," Shiggy Konno, the president of the Japanese union, said. "When we attack we have to concentrate so hard on where we are going our defence becomes very shallow. I have come to the conclusion that we can't play a planned game but we have to try to take advantage of loose situations."

The lineout and turnover laws now do Japan no favours. All the consolation they have to take into their next engagement — the Asian tournament in Kuala Lumpur either next May or October, which is a qualifying tournament for the 1995 World Cup — is the late try made by Ferguson and scored by Williams, and Konno concedes there must be a limit to the number of overseas players in the national side if Japanese rugby is to be encouraged.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Evans (2), Gibbs (2), Jenkins, Moon, Lewis, Rayer, Clement. Conversions: Jenkins (5). Japan: Try: Williams.

WALES: A Clement (Swansea); I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), I S Gibbs (Swansea), N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), N Walker (Cardiff); A Davies (Cardiff), R H St J B Moon (Llanelli); M Griffiths (Cardiff), A E Lamerton (Llanelli), J D Davies (Neath), S Davies (Swansea), A H Copsey (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), R L Jones (Llanelli), E W Lewis (Llanelli). Walker replaced by M A Rayer (Cardiff, 27min); Evans replaced by R A Bidgood (Newport, 74).

JAPAN: T Masuda (Toshiba); I M Williams (Kobe Steel), M Fujikake (World), E Kutsuki (Toyota), Y Yoshida (Isetan); S Aoki (Ricoh), Y Nagatomo (Suntory); O Ota (NEC), M Kunda (Toshiba Fuchu, captain), K Takahashi (Toyota), S Kaleta (Ricoh), Y Sakuraba (Nippon Steel), B Ferguson (Hino Motor), H Ouchi (Ryukoku University), S Latu (Sanyo).

Referee: E Morrison (England)

Forward planning needed to quell pack of trouble

North Division 21
London Division 22

BY BRYAN STILES

THE approaching thunder of All Black drums seemed to have fallen on deaf ears for much of this match at Kingston Park, Gosforth, on Saturday. Only for short periods did either side prick up their ears and produce the kind of incisive play that would make the visiting New Zealanders break off from a yawn to answer.

Rob Andrew and his London white shirts will clearly have to march to a different drum beat by the time they play host on the opening match of the New Zealanders' tour at Twickenham on Saturday. Intensive remedial work needs to be done on London's powder-puff pack during three training sessions this week to exorcise the deficiencies and inject more dynamism in their endeavours. Only their touchy front row and Greenwood summoned up the sustained aggression needed to meet the All Black challenge.

When a club player pulls on a representative shirt, he can perform far above his station and that is what many of the North players achieved to embarrass London, who fielded nine England internationals, while they had called on eight players from outside the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

The All Blacks will induce more than just a few blushes unless London dispel their timorous ways. Apart from in splendid opening and closing spells, London handed the North the lineout ball on a plate and frequently allowed the home side to steal hard-won possession from them — the kind of tactic at which the All Blacks excel.

London were so shaken by this close-run thing that they retired immediately to the dressing room, closed the door firmly behind them and did a lot of loud soul-searching and analysis of their performance.



Underwood: first try

Later, Andrew, the enterprising London captain, and Tony Jorden, the coach, acknowledged that training sessions this week are going to be lively affairs.

Dick Greenwood, the North coach, was succinct in his analysis. "If either side plays like that against the All Blacks, they will get stuffed — but neither side is going to," he said. His team does at least have the luxury of another divisional game before meeting the touring team.

It had all looked so easy for London as they rattled up two converted tries in the first quarter thanks to some wonderful running from their backs and particularly Tony Underwood, who scored the first, then run half the length of the pitch to hand the scoring pass to Carling near the line for the second.

Grayson took the score to 14-9 by the interval with a penalty goal and two dropped goals, then sent enormous kicks down the breeze. One of his kicks led to a try for Mallender, to level the scores. Then Rodber, the outstanding forward on the field, set off on another superb run that put in Fielden. Grayson converted to give North a 21-14 lead. The break back came with a penalty goal from Andrew and a last-gasp try from Hopley.

SCORERS: North: Tries: Mallender, Fielden Conversion: Grayson. Dropped goals: Grayson (2). Penalty goal: Grayson. London: Tries: Underwood, Carling, Hopley. Conversions: Andrew (2). Penalty goal: Andrew.

NORTH: I Hunter (Northampton); J Mallender (Sale), K Simms (Liverpool St Helens), M Fielden (Northampton), J Sleightholme (Wakefield), P Grayson (Northampton), D Scully (Wakefield); M Hynes (Orrell), G French (Orrell), S McMahn (Sheffield), T Rodber (Northampton), J Dixon (West Hartlepool), D Baldwin (Sale), N Ashurst (Orrell), A MacFarlane (Sale)

LONDON: H Davies (Wasps), T Underwood (Leicester), W Carling (Harlequins), D Hopley (Wasps), D O'Leary (Harlequins); R Andrew (Wasps), S Bates (Wasps); J Leonard (Harlequins), B Moore (Harlequins), J Probyn (Wasps), M Greenwood (Wasps), A Snow (Harlequins), R Langhorn (Harlequins), L Dallaglio (Wasps), D Ryan (Wasps).

Referee: E Murray (Scotland).

Bleasdale plots cup progress

High Wycombe 9
Preston G'hoppers 20

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

ON A day of regional Pilkington Cup action that saw ten teams overcome opposition from higher divisions, Preston Grasshoppers, without Wade Dooley, reached the third round for the first time with a relatively straightforward victory over High Wycombe, their northern opponents from the south, at Kingsmead Road on Saturday.

High Wycombe, who play their league rugby in the fifth division south of the Courage Clubs Championship, found themselves in a foreign section of the draw because of what the Rugby Football Union described as an imbalance of clubs. As Preston, of the fifth division north, took control, it proved prophetic. Northern grit surfaced and, despite the optimism that grew whenever Simon Gaster, Wycombe's tireless left wing, had the ball — and in the second half he went looking for it — they never seemed likely to master Preston's impressive flexibility.

As if to justify the pre-match claims of Preston's supporters that the quality of Joe Hindle's performance would be vital to the outcome, he appeared on the left wing, right wing and most places in between, with a sleight of foot that appeared to alarm and encourage his team-mates. John Bleasdale, meanwhile, played perfectly at scrum half, releasing his backs for most of the game yet working the touchline with his pack whenever the need arose.

Wycombe made the best of possession in retreat but let themselves down with poor handling. For entertainment value, the match, played at breakneck speed, was good for an hour. Lineouts were taken quickly, keeping officials alert, and first-phase ball was sped down the line, a refreshing break from the sapping tactics employed these days at higher levels.

As the game entered its last quarter, however, injuries to Mike Cussell and Chris Roddick robbed it of continuity and, as the latter had displayed the form that earned him the Buckinghamshire captaincy, deprived Wycombe of any chance of pulling the game around.

When the replacements were made, they were 13-9 down. Five minutes later, Jeff Laker powered his way through two tackles for Preston's second try, Mike Kirby converted and they were as good as home.

Breaking new ground in the third round with Preston will be Bridgwater and Albion, Basingstoke, Henley, Sudbury, Bradford and Bingley, Birmingham and Solihull, Kettering, Winnington Park and three cup newcomers, Cambridge, New Brighton and Wharfedale.

With the likes of Bath and Leicester only one victory away, all will be delighted: two, in particular, with their efforts on Saturday. New Brighton and Kettering beat, respectively, Liverpool St Helens, 17-12, and Leeds, 13-6 away. The losers play in the national fourth division; the winners, four divisions below. Such is the appeal of the cup.

SCORERS: High Wycombe: Penalty goals: Tebb (3). Preston Grasshoppers: Tries: Greenwood, Laker. Conversions: Kirby (2). Penalty goals: Kirby (2).

HIGH WYCOMBE: L Tebb; R Chuter, T Nisbet, C Roddick, S Gaster; J Owen, M Saltmarsh; M Hinch, M Cartwright, R Turner, E Forster, N Dinsdale, J R Bartlett, J Sedman, M Cussell. Cussell replaced by J W Bartlett (64min); Roddick replaced by J Hewes (67).

PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS: J Cheesworth; B Greenwood, D Whittingham, J Moore, J Hindle; M Kirby, J Bleasdale; L Ball, P Carter, R Crayston, N Ashton, T Crayston, N Battersby, S Holden, J Laker

Referee: T Ashworth (London/Berkshire).

Armstrong lacks flair

Jed-Forest 15
Boroughmuir 21

BY ALAN LORIMER

THE news that Gary Armstrong did not want to be considered for Scotland at scrum half was as unexpected as it was numbing for a rugby country that has come to depend so greatly on the talents of the Jed-Forest player. Whatever the motives for his decision, Armstrong has turned his back on previous success by opting to play first at inside centre and then latterly at stand-off for his club.

Sadly, in neither position has he yet shown the flair that he displayed so majestically in his natural habitat close to the scrum.

Against Boroughmuir on Saturday, he demonstrated once again his strength close to the try line by running with typical directness through the opposition to open the scoring for Jed-Forest. But that contribution, inspiring though it was for the Border team, could not prevent them losing to Boroughmuir.

At other times, Armstrong moved the ball cleverly to his fast wingers, Mike Yule and Mark Riddell, and only rapid responses from Boroughmuir prevented tries being scored.

Had Boroughmuir taken the same number of risks they would have won by a greater margin. As it was they squandered quality possession from Darren Burns and Paul Jennings in the lineout with poor kicking and it was only an authoritative display by Mike Hall, at scrum half, that maintained their momentum.

Strangely, the combined forces of Peter Wright and Grant Wilson, at prop, gave Boroughmuir no significant advantage in the set scrums but Wright at least looked mobile in the loose after being tamed by Neil McIlroy in the scrums. McIlroy, who had a couple of powerful charges during the second half in support of the equally mobile Calum Brown, looks to have regained the form that won him a place in the Scotland squad three years ago. Then, a serious knee injury sidelined him for almost two seasons.

Of the other prospective representative players on view, Derek Stark, the Scotland wing of last season, looked at his best when appearing out of his normal position, notably in the build-up to the try by Stuart Reid. Reid is regaining lost ground but was perhaps shown to be wanting in upper body strength against a Jed-Forest back row that was frequently able to rip the ball away from opponents.

SCORERS: Jed-Forest: Tries: Armstrong, Brown. Penalty goal: Hogg. Conversion: Hogg. Boroughmuir: Tries: Reid, Wright, Jennings. Penalty goals: Easson (2).

JED-FOREST: K Amos; M Riddell, H Hogg, A Douglas, M Yule; G Armstrong, G Farquharson, N McIlroy, K Barrie, R Johnstone, C Brown, C Hynd, M Pringle, K Liddle, R Kirkpatrick. Yule replaced by D Paxton (32min)

BOROUGHMUIR: N Mardon; S Littlewood, C Finnie, S Lineen, D Stark; B Easson, M Hall; G Wilson, B Brown, P Wright, D Burns, G Hepburn, P Jennings, G Drummond, S Reid. Littlewood replaced by D Chandler (72).

Referee: D Leslie (Manchester)

Beal illustrates Cooke's point

South West Division ... 31
Midland Division 3

BY GERALD DAVIES

THE divisional championship is a good, even logical, idea, but to what extent does it engage the heart? To that extent, it is flawed. In dividing the country into groups, it divides opinion, too: divides the attitude of players from the national manager and divides both the players and manager from those who administer the fixtures. It divides, or at least makes ambivalent, the loyalty of supporters, also.

Finding that the leap from club to international rugby is a step too far to take in one go, the championship is designed to represent another base camp before the final assault on the summit: another test of sinew and character, fibre and sundry other rugby qualities.

Geoff Cooke, the England manager, firmly believes that it has contributed substantially to the nation's recent success and continued prominence. After a somewhat one-sided game at Bath on Saturday, he reaffirmed the need for club players to acquaint themselves with a different set of circumstances. Mike Catt, John Callard and Nick Beal were players who certainly benefited from the exercise.

The Midlands were less happy, as the lineout count that went against them by two to one indicates and the score confirms. In such a match, a reputation such as Dean Richards's can suffer.

As Cooke left, John Hall, the South West captain, walked in and expressed, shall we say, a less committed view. Is he committed to divisional rugby? "Well, this year, I am," he answered. Why? "The All Blacks are here... It's good practice for the big day in Redruth." And next year? "We shall see."

On one point, both he and Cooke agreed. That the season is very congested. But Hall's obvious drift was that the club was the vital factor: the more natural base. It was clear which had to go if he had the choice of pruning fixtures.

It is hard to believe that the mellow mood on Saturday would better prepare a player than the sting of a Bath v Leicester. Beal, however, was in fine form as was the ubiquitous Ubogu. For the first try, Beal, straightening his run at speed against a flat defence, broke clear on the inside shoulder of his marker to send Lumsden in for the score. Ubogu, on the first of many thunderous runs, charged downfield from his own half. When he was halted, Beal came right and, ignoring the overlap, went all the way. Callard converted.

Hodgkinson scored three points with a 40-metre kick that needed a helping nudge from the crossbar before Ubogu again went careering away and, in doing so, propelled Challinor backwards with such a hefty shove it seemed punishment for the effrontery of the stand-off half's challenge. When the prop was finally hauled down, Lumsden was on hand to score. The second half was not so lively. Callard kicked three penalty goals and Adebayo ended one of the rare combined threequarter movements with a fine try.

SCORERS: South and South West: Tries: Lumsden (2), Beal, Adebayo. Conversion: Callard. Penalty goals: Callard (3). Midlands: Penalty goal: Hodgkinson

SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST (Bath unless stated): J Callard, A Adebayo, P de Glanville, N Beal (Northampton), A Lumsden; M Catt, K Bracken (Bristol), C Clark, G Dawe, V Ubogu, A Robinson, N Redman, A Blackmore (Bristol), J Hall, S Ojomoh.

MIDLANDS: S Hodgkinson (Moseley), S Hackney (Leicester), S Pentler (Leicester), I Bates (Leicester), H Thorneycroft (Northampton), P Challinor (Harlequins), M Dawson (Northampton), G Rowntree (Leicester), J Olver (Northampton), D Garforth (Leicester), C Millhouse (Northampton), J Phillips (Northampton), S Lloyd (Moseley), C Barrow (Bristol), D Richards (Leicester). Dawson replaced by A Kardooni (Leicester, 33min); Hodgkinson replaced by J Harris (Leicester, 50)

Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool)

RUGBY UNION RESULTS

International match

Wales 55 Japan 5

Wales: Tries: I Evans 2, Gibbs 2, Clement, N Jenkins, Lewis, Moon, Rayer. Cons: N Jenkins 5. Japan: Try: Williams
(at Cardiff Arms Park)

CIS Insurance divisional championship

North 21 London & SE 22

North: Tries: Fielden, Mallender. Con: Grayson. Pen: Grayson. Dropped goals: Grayson 2. London and South East: Tries: Carling, Hopley, Underwood. Cons: Andrew 2. Pen: Andrew.
(at Newcastle Gosforth)

South West 31 Midlands 3

South West: Tries: Lumsden 2, Adebayo, Beale. Con: Callard. Pens: Callard 3. Midlands: Pen: Hodgkinson.
(at Bath)

Pilkington Cup
Second round

Amersham/C'tern	5	L Welsh	23
Askeans	0	Basingstoke	6
Aspatria	17	Stourbridge	22
Birmingham	7	Harrogate	3
Bradford & B	23	Bedford	15
Brixham	3	N Walsham	3
(aet; North Walsham win as away team)			
Broughton Park	6	Morley	5
Camborne	20	Bridgwater & Alb	21
Coventry	33	York	19
Exeter	6	Clifton	9
Henley	65	St Ives	0
H Wycombe	9	Preston G	20
Leeds	6	Kettering	13
Lydney	11	Havant	16
New Brighton	17	Liverpool St H	12
Plymouth	22	Barking	11
Redruth	6	Rosslyn Pk	30
Richmond	21	Blackheath	23
Sheffield	8	Hereford	8
Syston	9	Fylde	15
Tabard	9	Sudbury	33
Walsall	17	Wharfedale	22
Westcombe Pk	6	Cambridge	21
Winnington Pk	37	Durham City	3

Representative match

Leinster 29 Scottish Exiles 17

Club matches

Berry Hill	17	Thurrock	0
Bristol	19	Sale	28
Lichfield	34	Wolverhampton	3
L Irish	23	Oxford Univ	44
Maidstone	16	Lewes	10
Moseley	35	Nuneaton	18
Northampton	16	Aberavon	13
Nottingham	25	Loughborough St	14
Orrell	21	Wakefield	17
Otley	17	Sandal	34
Reading	39	Stroud	18
Rotherham	49	Hull Ionians	25
Rugby	57	Greystones	31
Saracens	14	Harlequins	8
Stoke-on-Trent	11	Barkers Butts	14
Swansea	45	Leicester	9
Wasps	44	L Scottish	6
Waterloo	8	Pontypridd	28
W Hartlepool	23	Northern	15
Weston-s-Mare	18	Launceston	27
Gloucester	16	Cardiff	5

McEwan's League
First division

Currie 15 Stewart's Mel FP 6

Currie: Pens: Donaldson 5. Stewart's Mel FP: Pens: Flockhart 2.

Edinburgh Ac 13 Stirling Co 13

Edinburgh Academicals: Try: Shepherd. Con: Hay-Smith. Pens: Hay-Smith 2. Stirling County: Try: Mackay. Con: McKenzie. Pens: McKenzie 2.

Jed-Forest 15 Boroughmuir 21

Jed-Forest: Tries: Armstrong, Brown. Con: Hogg. Pen: Hogg. Boroughmuir: Tries: Jennings, Reid, Wright. Pens: Easson 2.

Melrose 46 Kelso 17

Melrose: Tries: Brown, Chalmers, Hogg, Parker, Penalty, C Redpath, B Redpath. Cons: Parker 4. Pen: Parker. Kelso: Tries: Aitchison, Barron, Roxburgh. Con: Archibald.

Selkirk 10 Heriot's FP 32

Selkirk: Try: Minto. Con: Pow. Pen: Pow. Heriot's FP: Tries: Milne 2, Dall, Whitaker. Cons: Glasgow 3. Pen: Glasgow. Dropped goal: Whitaker

Watsonians 34 Hawick 13

Watsonians: Tries: Hastings, Henderson, Kerr. Cons: Hodge 2. Pens: Hodge 4. Dropped goal: Hodge. Hawick: Tries: Sharp, Suddon. Pen: Suddon.

W of Scotland 10 Gala 33

West of Scotland: Try: McIntosh. Con: Williamson. Pen: Williamson. Gala: Tries: Dalgleish, Crooks, Waddell 2, Dods. Con: Dods. Pen: Dods. Dropped goal: Changleng.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	6	5	0	1	170	89	10
Gala	6	5	0	1	164	90	10
Heriot's FP	6	5	0	1	148	81	10
Stirling Co	6	4	1	1	143	82	9
Currie	6	4	0	2	135	87	8
Edinburgh Ac	6	3	1	2	112	97	7
Jed-Forest	6	3	0	3	98	84	6
Hawick	6	2	1	3	83	99	5
Stewart's Mel	6	2	1	3	72	92	5
Boroughmuir	6	2	0	4	108	123	4
Kelso	6	2	0	4	72	157	4
W of Scotland	6	1	1	4	105	135	3
Watsonians	6	1	0	5	100	231	2
Selkirk	6	0	1	5	66	133	1

Second division

Biggar	6	Grangemouth	8
Dundee HSFP	95	Clarkston	0
Edinburgh W	26	Glasgow Ac	11
Glasgow High	78	Ayr	16
Peebles	10	Kirkcaldy	12
Preston Lodge	16	Musselburgh	44
Wigtownshire	6	Haddington	13

Irish inter-provincial championship

Connacht	9	Munster	15
Ulster	21	Exiles	3

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League of hope and glory in land of half measures


Robinson: predatory



SIMON BARNES
at Wembley

The occasion had everything. Brave cheerleaders, prancing about with goose-pimply thighs, still braver Maori dancers with bare-chested males, Beefeaters, thundering patriotic songs, and a bulldog wrapped in a Union Jack. The air was filled with flags the size of bedsheets: black and white for New Zealand, red, white and blue for Great Britain. It was a great triumph of showmanship.

In other words, it was a failure. In this country, an opening parade is indicative of a flop; but cheerleaders are utterly diagnostic. Once you see those high kicks and public knicker-gussets, you know beyond all doubt that something has gone terribly, terribly wrong.

The presence of cheerleaders is the infallible sign of the absence of something else. Cheerleaders are employed in what animal behaviour experts call a distraction display: an elaborate pattern designed to attract the attention away from a vulnerable area. Birds run about pretending to have a broken wing, luring a predator away from the nest site and the vulnerable chicks.

The Wembley cheerleaders (and Beefeaters and the choir and their singing, much amplified, of *Land of Hope and Glory*) failed to distract any of us from the glaringly obvious fact that Wembley Stadium was half full. Not that 36,000 is a bad crowd — they said it was the highest in 40 years for a New Zealand-Great Britain rugby league international — but you need a few more than that to wake the Wembley giant and make him roar.

The nonsense — I wonder how many times they said "razzmatazz" in planning meetings — did not affect the crowd; perhaps it affected the Kiwis. Certainly something did. For although part of the trouble was that only half the crowd showed up, the real problem was that only half the players were there. This was a big occasion on the cusp of success: the last thing it needed was a one-sided match.

But alas, the Kiwis did not turn up. The Brits had, well, not a rout, but an unexpectedly easy afternoon. They would prefer to turn this the other way around and say that they were simply immaculate. So they were but, when the opposition keep dropping the ball, it gives you something of an edge.

It was a day that kept threatening to break out in glory and the usual sporting joys but it never quite did. We had a wonderful debut from Jason Robinson: it was his speed and predatory instincts — no distraction displays affected his eagerness for the strike — that added the points to the Brits' domination.

It was a good occasion but never quite as grand as it wanted or pretended to be. One could almost feel the Rugby Football League casting a shifty glance, southwards and westwards, over their shoulders. Another New Zealand rugby side comes upon us next week. The All Blacks kick off their tour against London Division at Twickenham.

Jonathan Davies, the greatest rugby union player of his generation, was doing his stuff at fullback for the Brits on Saturday: the last great defector, the man who made his big move when rugby league was at its peak.

Now, after the World Cup of 1991, the balance has shifted and nobody talks any more of rugby league's conquest of the south. There may be some in the union game who gloat about this and gloat, in particular, about Davies. With union popular as never before — the *Question of Sport* factor makes that quite clear — and the deconstruction of amateurism in full swing, few leading players think in terms of defection these days. Richard Webster's move feels more like an aberration than a fresh outbreak of the Davies syndrome.

Davies was the last superstar to move and he marks the high point from which league has fallen. There he was, still baby-faced after all these years, still innocent-looking though playing in a game ten times more ferocious than the one he left behind. They said he would never be tough enough but they say that about all rugby union stars who make the short, dramatic, culture-shocking journey from code to code.

Quite a lot of the time, they are right, too, but Davies has proved himself tough enough and good enough time and time again. He has passed a test tougher than any of the present crop of rugby union internationals will ever set themselves. But then few of them would even think about it these days.

Britain achieve perfection as Kiwis miss point

Great Britain 17
New Zealand 0

By Christopher Irvine

SOME performances take the breath away for outstanding artistry, others for sheer craftsmanship. Judges at Wembley on Saturday would have awarded straight tens to the Great Britain rugby league team for technical merit, although it speaks volumes for a winning side's confidence when the post-match discussion centres on ways to get better.

After clamping himself to Gary Freeman, thus shackling New Zealand's most potent force, Phil Clarke was disappointed that Britain were on the defensive for long periods of the second half, never mind that they did so with impressive efficiency. "Maybe it's the Wigan way of incessantly analysing what we didn't do, but being brutally honest, we can improve a lot," the loose forward said.

How is difficult to imagine. This performance not only uplifted English sporting spirits, it was a new benchmark in excellence by a Britain side, thought to have been three leading players short of doing anything more than containing the Kiwis, who need to make huge improvements if they are to retrieve the three-match series.

Howie Tamati, the New Zealand coach, said: "That's probably the worst performance from a side I've been in charge of. We were the authors of our downfall. After analysing what happened, we'll probably bring in more English-based players."

So severe a case of Wembleyitis cannot, surely, be followed by anything more abject. Fate was in their butter-fingered hands, but also at the feet of Britain. Davies hung his kicks high, Edwards shot long and low, Schofield lobbed several over the top and Robinson blazed a trail of glory, passing Hoppe twice in ten minutes of the first half.

The bobbling or sky-high ball is a tactic that even the most well-drilled defence cannot legislate for and every time Britain applied boot to ball, it proved effective. Having exposed a raw nerve, it was the remorselessness of their defence, in denying New Zealand a single point, that was so encouraging about Britain's display.

The feat has been achieved often against France, which is not surprising, but New Zealand are one of the game's three powers. Britain have managed it once before, at Auckland in 1974, yet this opposition is supposed to embody a glorious new future for New Zealand rugby league.

It will come. In the under-19 game, the Junior Kiwis' 30-22 dismissal of Great Britain Academy was both curtain-raiser and eye-opener. Until the these players come through, New Zealand must dig deeper in the treasure trove of players at English clubs. Criticism of the choice of Iro alongside Watson in the centre was vindicated and Tamati may well look now to the two Castleford players, Kemp — who could exercise more control from stand-off than Ngamu — and Blackmore, who could be drafted into the centre.

Britain's front row was a revelation. Fairbank, although out of position in the blind-side role, and Harrison, his fellow prop, will require the muscular attention that George Mann, of St Helens, could perhaps best provide, while Nikau, more bungler than creator, should give way at loose forward to Tuuta, of Featherstone, or Mackie, a proven member of the tour party.

In virtually eliminating the negative — four handling mistakes were made to New Zealand's ten — Britain seized on the visitors' fumblings and indecisiveness. Robinson, 19 and on his debut, took the first twinkling steps on the road to legendary status. Edwards and Schofield saved up their best for the right moment and Davies was conjurer and impenetrable last brick in the wall at full back.

After a dropped goal, early in the second period, Davies was inch-perfect with a steepling kick grounded by Devereux after Marvin Edwards had been unable to hold it. The one casualty of Britain's subsequent rearguard action was Betts, whose fractured cheekbone has ruled him out of the two remaining games. It is a significant blow. "We're not doing somersaults just yet," Malcolm Reilly, the Britain coach, said.

SCORERS: Great Britain: Tries: Robinson (2); Devereux. Goals: Davies (2). Dropped goal: Davies.
GREAT BRITAIN: J Davies (Warrington); J Robinson (Wigan), P Newlove (Bradford Northern; sub: D Powell, Sheffield Eagles, 69min), G Connolly (Wigan), J Devereux (Widnes; sub: A Tait, Leeds, 77); G Schofield (Leeds), S Edwards (Wigan); K Harrison (Halifax), M Dermott (Wigan), K Fairbank (Bradford Northern; sub: S Nickle, St Helens, 54), D Betts (Wigan), C Joynt (St Helens; sub: R Eyres, Leeds, 63), P Clarke (Wigan).
NEW ZEALAND: M Edwards (Balmain; sub: J Williams, Canterbury-Bankstown, 62); D Halligan (North Sydney; sub: W Tasiwa, Canterbury, 75), K Iro (Leeds), D Watson (Bradford Northern), S Hoppe (Canberra); G Ngamu (Manly-Warringah), G Freeman (Penrith); J Lomax (Canberra; sub: J Lowrie, Sydney Eastern Suburbs, 58), D Mann (Auckland), B Stuart (Canterbury), S Kearney (Sydney Western Suburbs), O Pongia (Canberra), T Nikau (Castleford; sub: J Mackie, Northland, 70).
Referee: G McCallum (Australia).


DES JENSON
Davies, who had an assured game for Great Britain at full back, goes on the attack during the 17-0 defeat of New Zealand

France swamp poor Romania

France 51
Romania 0

By a Correspondent

ROMANIA will be sick of the sight of Philippe Bernat-Salles, the Pau wing. He scored three tries against them in Bucharest last May and he repeated the dose in Brive yesterday when France cast aside the hapless Romanians by six goals and three penalty goals to nil.

Only three years ago, Romania won for the first time on French soil but they have lost the subsequent five encounters. Only once, however, have they been humbled to a greater extent and that in the first match between the countries, in 1924, when France won 59-3 in Paris. Whether they can pick themselves up for their meeting in Dublin with Ireland on November 13 (where they lost 60-0 seven years ago) must be doubtful.

Five months ago, France won a competitive game 37-20 and then went on to win the two-match series with South Africa. The Romanians, however, have clearly stood still even though four of yesterday's team play their club rugby in France and, after the match, there were appeals to their hosts for basic rugby equipment to be sent to the impoverished Romanian federation.

As preparation for their two internationals with Australia, however, France may have found the game less than satisfactory. Thierry Lacroix, the Dax centre, dominated the scoreboard with 21 points from six conversions and three penalties. He missed only one kick at goal and his team would have won by even more had they not been guilty of over-elaboration.

All Bernat-Salles's tries came in the second half as the French ran riot, scoring even when they were temporarily reduced to 14 men. While Philippe Sella was off the field for treatment to a facial injury, Leon Loppy, the debutant flanker, crossed for a try. Loppy, born in Senegal but who has lived in France since he was four, came close to a first cap on tour in South Africa but will hope to retain his place when France play Australia in Bordeaux on October 30.

The other French tries came from Olivier Merle, the lock, and Sella, who was later replaced in his 92nd international after suffering a leg injury. Barring further injury and assuming he retains form, Sella will become his country's most-capped player this season, ahead of Serge Blanco (93). Jean-Luc Sadourny would have added to the tally had he not lost the ball in the act of crossing the line.

SCORERS: Tries: Sella, Merle, Bernat-Salles (3), Loppy. Penalty goals: Lacroix (3). Conversions: Lacroix (6)
ROMANIA: G Solomie; A Mitocaru, N Nedelcu, N Fulina, M Dumitru; F Ion, M Focsa; G Leonte, G Ion, G Vlad, G Dinu, H Dumitras (capt), C Cojocariu, I Secaleanu, T Brinza.
FRANCE: JL Sadourny (Colomiers); P Bernat-Salles (Pau), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), D Berty (Toulouse); A Penaud (Brive), A Hueber (Toulon); L Armary (Lourdes), J-M Gonzalez (Beyonne), S Graou (Auch), O Merle (Grenoble), O Roumat (Dax, capt), L Loppy (Toulon), P Benetton (Agen), M Cecillon (Bourgoin). (Sella replaced by O Campan, Agen).
Referee: J Fleming (Scotland).

Hendry recalls happier times

By Phil Yates

STEPHEN Hendry has experienced the best of times and the worst of times at the Hexagon Theatre, Reading. When the £325,000 Skoda Grand Prix begins its 13-day run today, the world snooker champion will be expected to add to his happier memories of the Berkshire venue.

Hendry could not be entering the first domestic ranking event of the season in a more positive frame of mind after registering a clinical 9-3 victory over Steve Davis, his great rival, in the final of the Dubai Classic ten days ago. Justifiably, he is a short-priced favourite with the bookmakers to win the tournament for a fourth time.

However, the Scot, who, at 18, became the youngest winner of a ranking tournament when he prevailed in the 1987 Grand Prix, will be hoping to avoid the traumas of his last two visits to the Hexagon.

On the eve of his first match there two years ago, Hendry had the cue that he had used throughout his career stolen. After a £10,000 reward was offered for information leading to its return, Hendry and the cue were reunited. Together, they dominated the event.

Last year, Hendry, strangely apprehensive and lacking his usual focus, lost 5-3 to Tony Chappel, a journeyman professional from Swansea, in the last 64.

It was revealed two days later that he had been the subject of death threats.

Lacking his usual confidence, Hendry did not win a significant tournament until he retained the Benson and Hedges Masters title in February. He finished last season with triumphs in the International Open and world championship, however, and now, in compiling a record in which he is unbeaten in 17 consecutive ranking event matches, he has regained his old, intimidating look of invincibility.

If Hendry fails to collect the £60,000 first prize, it will be impossible to blame complacency. Within 48 hours of his return from Dubai, Hendry was back to his normal practice routine and he is, according to Ian Doyle, his manager, cueing sweetly.

Hendry's first opponent at the Hexagon is Darryn Walker, of Wolverhampton, a talented but inexperienced third-year professional. The title-holder and one of Hendry's principal rivals, Jimmy White, meets his close friend, Tony Meo, for a place in the last 32.

Nevertheless, potentially the best match of the round appears to be the encounter in which John Parrott, the world No 2, plays Ronnie O'Sullivan, a 17-year-old, who impressed many by reaching the semi-final stage in Dubai.

Ayinla makes name for himself

By Nicholas Harling

THE basketball fraternity will quickly become familiar with the often mis-spelt and mis-pronounced name of Soloman Ayinla after he made all the decisive moves for London Towers in their victory over Thames Valley Tigers. The Tigers lost 96-80 at the Sobell Centre to leave Guildford Kings as the Budweiser League's only undefeated club.

Ayinla sank 16 points, grabbed a clutch of rebounds and made some penetrating passes. Recruited from Brixton in the summer, the Nigerian has quickly justified London's faith. "He's a live body," Mark Dunning, their coach, said. "He's a good acquisition. He's a big 6ft 4in who plays a bit taller."

A loss of London's sponsor, Sartra, and joint-captain, Peter Scantlebury, to the Tigers, left Towers with no Americans and "no pre-season training at all," according to Dunning. "My guys usually start earlier than anyone else but, this year, we didn't even know we'd be existing," he said, gloating with satisfaction after seeing Scantlebury restricted to a mere nine points. Scantlebury's brother, Richard, collected 28 for Towers, five more than a rejuvenated Joel Moore.

From arrears of 42-29, Nigel Lloyd (22 points) instigated the inevitable Tigers recovery but his fourth foul, when his team had reduced the leeway to 57-52, handed the initiative back to Towers.

"Thames Valley's shot selection was poor and, to my surprise, we were even getting the rebounds," Dunning said. He is hoping that Taylor McGowan, a 6ft 6in American, will arrive shortly to add much needed height. "He's not that great a player but we're a bit light on bodies," Dunning said, just to make McGowan feel really wanted.

Sunderland came close, at Guildford, to providing another upset. With Russ Saunders hitting 26 points against his old team-mates, two less than Tracy Pearson for Guildford, Sunderland were on equal terms, 73-73, with five minutes left. Not until Lorenzo Duncan's three late free throws was Guildford's victory, 87-79, confirmed.

Worthing Bears recovered from the flu bug that had severly handicapped them at Leicester in midweek to retain the league leadership by winning 91-85 at Birmingham Bullets. Colin Irish, for the Bears, matched Tyrone Thomas's 30 points for the Bullets.

Moment of truth for Boardman

By Peter Bryan

THE individual time trial is cycling's "race of truth", in which there are no team colleagues to assist a key rider through a bad patch or pace him back to the leaders after a mechanical fault or crash. It is an event in which there are few consistently outstanding performers. Miguel Indurain, three times the Tour de France winner, is the best at the moment.

But the Spaniard was missing from the classic Grand Prix des Nations on Saturday, the last of the season's 12 World Cup events, held on the 39-mile circuit based at Lac de Madine, near Metz. This was the scene of his ninth stage success in this year's Tour which, 11 stages later, was to prove the foundation for his overall victory.

For Chris Boardman, the grand prix was the most important "race of truth" after his recent transition from Olympic pursuit champion to the professional ranks.

His No 2 seeding to Maurizio Fondriest, of Italy, reflected his two individual time trial victories on the Continent earlier. Fondriest, a former world champion and already confirmed as World Cup winner, was to be the Briton's benchmark.

Boardman beat Fondriest, it is true, by almost one minute to finish fourth compared with the Italian's seventh place. So, in one sense, his was a satisfactory performance. At the same time, it confirmed the difference in professional and amateur standards to which Boardman has to adjus in his future career with th French Gan team.

Armand de las Cuevas, o France, won the trial in 1h 20min 54sec, 62sec ahead o Stephen Hodge, of Australia Boardman's team colleague Eddy Seigneur, was thir in 1hr 22min 21sec.

Of his time, 1:23.33, Board man said: "There's plenty o room for improvement. I ha my head kicked in. I jus wasn't flowing. And yet th course, which was quite hilly should have suited me."

Boardman was one of sev eral riders to query the exac distance of the race later When Indurain won his Tou de France time trial on th circuit, he recorded 1hr 12mi 50sec. The British champio however believes that Satu day's event was probabl about two miles longer. H was not complaining; h knows the result would hav been the same.

If Boardman now has to liv with the truth of profession competition, so too doe Graeme Obree, the worl champion, who came fi teenth, six minutes slowe than De las Cuevas. The Sco after a reconnaissance of th course, decided that its hill required a multi-geared mach ine rather than his origina choice of a single-gear bike.

Obree never looked com fortable and appears not t have recovered from a che and liver infection that ha affected him since he broke th world pursuit record to wi the world title in August.

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Blue Jays take World Series lead as Olerud hits high note

FROM KEITH BLACKMORE IN TORONTO

THE caveman met the choirboy here on Saturday night as the baseball World Series began, and the choirboy won. The first basemen, John Kruk, of the Philadelphia Phillies, and John Olerud, of the Toronto Blue Jays, share a Christian name and a job description, but there the resemblance ends.

Kruk, 32, is the picture of rude health, even if he looks like a trucker and is the wildest member of the Wild Bunch, the rough and ready team whose appearance one woman observer likened to "everybody's last husband".

Olerud, 25, is the baby-faced batting champion of the American League. The only thing sweeter than his face, they say, is his swing. His untroubled appearance, however, is deceptive. Four years ago, his career, indeed his life, was threatened by illness. In January 1989, Olerud suffered a seizure and underwent six hours of surgery for an aneurysm (a swelling of an artery at the base of his brain). He awoke grateful to be able to see, never mind play baseball.

Yet, on Saturday, it was he who set the Blue Jays on course for an 8-5 victory in the opening game of the best-of-seven series. Until then, the night had seemed destined to belong to Kruk.

Autumnal rain and fog had greeted the teams as they arrived. At another stadium, play might not have started, but with the roof of the Skydome sealed against the elements, the Phillies caught the Blue Jays cold. Perhaps warmed by Aretha Franklin's electrifying performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner", the Phillies tore out of the starting gate and were 2-0 up in less than 15 minutes.

The first run was typical of their style. Lenny "Nails" Dykstra was walked to first, then he stole second base. Up stepped Kruk to single into left field and Dykstra raced round to score, completing his effort with a characteristic head-first dive into the dirt.

It was a manufactured run, making the most of a single hit. The second was much the same, only this time Kruk scored it, charging in when Daulton singled. Juan Guzman, the Jays starting pitcher, started to panic. By the end of the first inning, he had thrown 35 pitches, a third of what he would have expected to throw in the full game.

But help was at hand. In the second, the Jays ran off a string of hits to tie the score at 2-2, and after Kruk had driven in another run for the Phillies, White made the most of an error by Thompson to level the scores again. Duncan tripled, then scored on a wild pitch — 4-3 to the Phillies — only to see White smash a home run 390 feet into right field. That was 4-4.

And so it went, the Phillies pushing and shoving, the Jays elegantly counter-punching, until the sixth. By then, the Phillies had chased poor Guzman back to the changing rooms and Al Leiter had replaced him, but with two out Leiter drifted into a crisis.

ARNE GLASSBOURG



Curt Schilling, the Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher, in action during the first inning in Toronto

One way or another, Stocker, Dykstra and Duncan all reached base and, with the bases loaded, who should be coming up but Kruk. A single would score two runs, a homer, four. Leiter could be forgiven for trembling. He kept his nerve, even as Kruk fouled off two pitches for a full count of three ball and two strikes.

The crowd rose to its feet, willing the pitcher to one last strike. Leiter drew back again and threw a fast ball which sank a little just as it reached the plate. Kruk swung and missed, ending the inning.

The relief of most of the 50,011 supporters was almost palpable. It turned to wild jubilation when Olerud stepped up to the plate and with one marvellous, Gower-like swing, cracked his first pitch into right field for a home run, his first in a World Series. It put the Jays ahead for the first time and there they stayed, adding three more runs in the seventh.

Kruk was not quite done. In the ninth, he got another hit, reached second on a throwing error, then thundered home when Eisenreich singled. He finished the night with three hits, two runs and two runs batted in, but even that was not quite enough.

GAME ONE BOX SCORE

	Innings	Runs	Hits	Errors
Phillies	201 010 001	5	11	1
Blue Jays	021 011 30X	8	10	3

Call for revision of Test match calendar

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SOME Test playing countries could become isolated unless the International Cricket Council (ICC) draws up a guaranteed rota of tours. Peter McDermott, the chairman of New Zealand Cricket (NZC), said yesterday. He believes New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe would be the main sufferers.

"South Africa, West Indies, Australia and England are in so much demand that the other countries could become isolated and that does not do much for expanding the game," McDermott said.

New Zealand is concerned that there is no consistency in the terms touring countries ask for. Escalating costs of guarantees tend to discriminate against the smaller countries. Sri Lanka gained Test status in 1982, but have had to wait 11 years for West Indies to visit — their first Test match there is in Colombo in December. Zimbabwe's plight is worse. "They have been given Test status, but no one wants to play there because, financially, they struggle," McDermott said.

South Africa say that they are so heavily committed to the turn of the century that they can find no time to tour New Zealand. NZC will submit proposals to the ICC in the New Year.

Martin Crowe, captain of the New Zealand team which arrived in Perth at the weekend to start a three-month tour of Australia, believes that they will be helped by the Test match venues selected. Crowe said the conditions in Perth, Hobart and Brisbane tended to help faster bowlers.

"It is encouraging that we will be playing on pitches which offer the best chances of a result," Crowe said. "We want to carry on the work that we did in that third Test last summer [when New Zealand beat Australia in Auckland by five wickets]. Our big goal is to try to taste that success again."

The tour starts tomorrow with a one-day match against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI, which includes Sir Richard Hadlee, Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson. The opening first-class match, against Western Australia in Perth, starts on Thursday.

NEW ZEALAND PARTY: M D Crowe (captain), K R Rutherford, T E Blain, C L Cairns, S B Doull, M J Greatbatch, M J Haslam, A H Jones, D K Morrison, D N Patel, B A Pocock, M L Su'a, W Watson, S A Young

David Gower has yet to make up his mind whether to play on next season. "Everyone is guessing at the moment, including me," Gower said yesterday. "I have to start making decisions fairly soon, but I am not quite sure exactly when they will be made." Gower must decide between seeing out the final year of his contract with Hampshire or taking up an offer from BSkyB television to commentate on England's series in the Caribbean. Hampshire want all their players, except those on international duty, in training by April 1 — three weeks before the end of England's tour — and are not prepared to make exceptions.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Asia may get extra World Cup place

ASIA has a good chance of being granted a third team at the 1998 World Cup finals in France, Joseph Blatter, the general secretary of Fifa, football's world governing body, said in Doha yesterday. Blatter, impressed with the high standard of football at the final Asian qualifying round for the World Cup being played in Qatar, said: "If the two qualifying teams play well in the United States, there is a very good chance that Asia will get a third team. In that case, somebody will lose a place, but who I don't know." South Korea, North Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran are chasing two spots for next year's finals.

Blatter said it was logical to join the Asia and Oceania groups together to produce three qualifiers: "Australia have been touring round the world to try to qualify. It would be better to have them together with Asia." he said. Asian countries have been pressing for a third representative for many years, but lost out to Africa for the 1994 tournament.

Exiles hit by injuries

RUGBY UNION: Ulster, the Irish inter-provincial champions, opened their season with a 21-3 win over the Irish Exiles at Ravenhill on Saturday but injuries sustained by the Exiles overshadowed the match. Jim Staples, Dennis Kelly and Michael Kernaghan were all lost during the game, with Kelly detained overnight in hospital amid fears that he may require an operation on a dislocated knee.

David Humphreys, the Ulster stand-off half, scored 11 points from three penalty goals and a conversion, to go alongside tries by David Tweed and David Millar, while the Exiles had a solitary penalty from Paul Burke.

☐ The Australians opened their month-long tour of France by beating an Aquitaine XV 30-15 in Dax on Saturday.

Sun City field grows

GOLF: Organisers of the million-dollar challenge on December 2 to 5 at Bophuthatswana's luxury Sun City gambling resort have increased the exclusive field from ten to 12 players to make room for more golfers from southern Africa. David Frost, the champion and a three-time winner, will be joined by the Zimbabweans Nick Price, the leading money-winner on the US tour this year, and Mark McNulty, together with the the South African, Ernie Els, who will oppose some of the best from America and Europe.

The field is: David Frost, Nick Price, Fulton Allem, Ernie Els, Mark McNulty, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam, Payne Stewart, Corey Pavin, Lee Janzen and Mark O'Meara.

Jackman reaches final

SQUASH: Cassie Jackman, the English national champion, swept to the final of the United States open championships in Philadelphia. She needed only 20 minutes to brush aside Rebecca Macree, her compatriot and room-mate. Jackman the top seed, from Norfolk, expects to play Suzanne Horner, the England No 1, in the final tomorrow after overwhelming Macree 9-2, 9-2, 9-0.

☐ Peter Nicol and Sue Wright made it a British double by taking the European Champion of Champions titles in Vienna yesterday.

Waldner proves point



TABLE TENNIS: Jan-Ove Waldner, right, of Sweden, the Olympic champion, beat Jean-Philippe Gatien, of France, the world champion, to become the unofficial champion of champions in Paris on Saturday. Waldner's 21-13, 16-21, 21-10, 21-19 victory in the Paris grand prix final, a rematch of the 1992 Olympic final, was secured by his mixture of powerful forehands, drop shots and tricky services.

Prost denies comeback

MOTOR RACING: Alain Prost, of France, the world Formula One champion, denied yesterday that he was considering joining the British team, McLaren, next season. "I haven't changed my mind," Prost said. He announced last month, two days before clinching his fourth world title by winning the Portuguese grand prix in Estoril, that he would retire at the end the season. "I categorically deny it," he said, when asked about reports in the French newspaper, *Le Journal du Dimanche*, which claimed he was considering an offer from Ron Dennis, the head of McLaren.

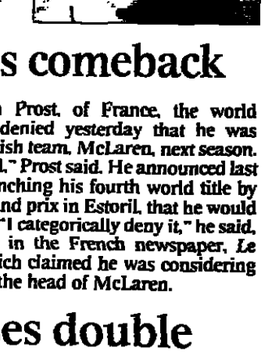
Smith misses double

DUATHLON: A double was achieved at the world championships in Dallas, Texas, but not, as expected, by Spencer Smith, the world triathlon champion from Britain. He was always in contention during the five-kilometre run, 40-kilometre cycle and final five-kilometre run, but just missed out to Greg Welch, of Australia, who added the duathlon world title to the triathlon world title he won in 1991. Smith, 20, was third, behind Urs Dellsperger, of Switzerland, the European duathlon champion.

Alarm discounted

OLYMPIC GAMES: Kevan Gosper, a vice-president of the Australian International Olympic Committee, said yesterday that reports casting doubts over Sydney's ability to meet the cost of hosting the 2000 Olympics had been blown out of all proportion. Gosner said he had been contacted from worried members of the International Olympic Committee, including its president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, following reports that new taxes would be needed or that public spending would have to be cut to pay for the Games.

Novotna benefits



TENNIS: Jana Novotna, right, the Wimbledon finalist, faces a relatively easy route the final of the Autoglass Classic, which starts at the Brighton Centre tomorrow. The world No 8, from the Czech Republic, opens against 138th-ranked Rika Hiraki, of Japan, and her task was made simpler when Mary Pierce, the No 3 seed, was placed in the other half of the draw with the second seed, Anke Huber.

Fahey powers to title

REAL TENNIS: Robert Fahey, the rapidly improving Australian professional, won the French Open championship after a rugged straight-sets victory over his compatriot, Frankie Filippelli. Fahey, the former Tasmanian lawn tennis champion, survived a set-point against him in the second set but then raised his game to take the set 6-5 and cruised through the third against a demoralised Filippelli, who lost much of his early sharpness and mobility in the face of Fahey's extra power and superb volleying.

King sweeps way to England final

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

MERVYN King, the 1992 national champion, swept into the final of the Churchill Insurance world indoor championships England play-off at Donyatt, Somerset, yesterday on a green that was under water last week.

King is a pest exterminator from Norfolk and he was in his element as he disposed Greg Harlow, of Ely, and Steve Halmai, of Paddington, without losing a set. Spending as little time on the damp carpet as possible, King scored 42 shots and conceded only 16.

Mel Biggs, of Swindon, who lay game against Ian Schuback in 1992 before the Australian went on to win the world title, joined King in the final, defeating John Bell, of Cumbria, and Jamie Mills, of Nottingham.

Chris Palmer, of Stanley, was the unluckiest of the losing quarter-finalists, edged out despite scoring more shots than Mills, who won 0-7, 7-6, 7-3, 3-7, 7-6.

Palmer's plight provoked a debate on the merits and disadvantages of the sets' format, introduced ten or so years ago as a way of making bowls more attractive. Drama is heightened because, in a seven-up set, as soon as one player scores three shots, he can win in one end.

The traditional 21-up format would be the players' choice, but crises occur more frequently in the average seven-up set, which lasts roughly the same time as a frame in snooker, the other game which comes in pretty packages for television.

Traditionalists claim that the ancient game of bowls has been rudely tampered with, but disregard the fact that in tennis, which has been played under a similar sets system for years, nobody sulks about losing a match when scoring more points than an opponent.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Hann (Pinewood Park) bt G Harlow (City of Ely) 7-1, 7-1, 7-3; S Halmai (Paddington) bt G Smyth (Paddington), 7-6, 1-7, 7-5, 7-4; M Biggs (Thamesdown) bt J Bell (Cumbria), 7-3, 7-5, 3-7, 7-4; J Mills (Nottingham) bt C Palmer (Stanley), 7-6, 7-3, 3-7, 7-6. Semi-finals: King bt Halmai, 7-4, 7-3, 7-4; Biggs bt Mills, 7-5, 5-7, 7-3, 7-4.

After trailing 6-4 on Saturday, Ireland won five out of six singles matches against Guernsey yesterday, beating their hosts 14-8 in the Guinness international match at Hougue du Pommier. Adrian Welch notched up the home side's only victory.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

Guy Curtis Sportswear Limited - In Administrative Receivership - Registered number: 2246560

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 25 October 1993 at 10.45 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 22 October 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND PRODUCTS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 2nd November 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 12th day of October 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Angus Dudgeon, DIRECTOR.

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L C Gloiheu Limited - In Administrative Receivership - Registered Number: 382067

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 26 October 1993 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 22 October 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receiver

CASE NO 907/1992
IN THE LIVERPOOL COUNTY COURT
IN THE MATTER OF CLANCY'S CONFECTIONERS (CLITHEROE) LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANY'S ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the Liverpool County Court dated 11 August 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £47,000 to £2 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 12 October 1993.

Dated this 18th day of October 1993
Connell Associates
Harrington Chambers 26 North John Street Liverpool L2 9RU
Solicitors
for the above named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

No 008706 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES BAYNES plc
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th day of October 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named Company from £81,209,565

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 27th day of October 1993

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the share premium account should appear at the time of Hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 15th day of October 1993
Travers Smith Braithwaite
10 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2AL
for the above-named Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Walton Motor Factors Limited
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 13 October 1993 I, Robert Hewitt was appointed Joint Liquidator of the above named company which is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the Members and by the Creditors of the Company.

Creditors who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: 8 Park Court, Pyrford Road West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6RD by the 9th November 1993.

R D Hewitt, Joint Liquidator

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Cavco Engineering Limited
Registered number: 2469966

Nature of business: Engineering and Allied Industries. Trade classification: 07 Date of appointment of administrative receivers 5th October 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: D Swaden, FCA and D.J. Power, FCA (office holder nos: 6495 and 6006) Leonard Curtis & Partners, Third Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 5AB

The Insolvency Act 1986
NOVADATA LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that F F A Wessely of Carr & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by a resolution of the company's members and creditors on 27th September 1993.

Dated this 14th day of October 1993
F.F.A Wessely, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
ANVILLE LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Porchfield & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by a resolution of the company's members and creditors on 5th October 1993.

Dated this 14th day of October 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
(Incorporated in Canada)
ONTARIO & QUEBEC RAILWAY COMPANY
8 PER CENT DEBENTURE STOCK
6 PER CENT COMMON STOCK

In preparation for the payment of the half-yearly interest payable on December 1 next, the debenture stock transfer books will be closed at 3.30 p.m. on November 1 and will be re-opened on December 2.

The half-yearly interest on the common stock will be paid on December 1 to holders of record on November 1

D.R. Krest
Deputy Secretary
62-65 Trafalgar Square,
London, WC2N 5DY
October 13 1993

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity and Christian Instruction of Nevers

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference TF 233299A/1/CD/Lm31. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

TO the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of West London sitting at Walton Street Magistrates' Court, The Court House, 1A Walton Street, Chelsea, London SW3 2JG

TO the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Hammersmith Police Station, 226 Shepherds Bush Road, London W6 7NN

TO the Town Clerk of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, Old Town Hall, Fulham Broadway, London SW6 1ET

TO the Chief Officer, L.F.C.D.A., Marten House, 61/63 Staines Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 3JG

I, JAMES OLIVER MARTIN SHEEHAN now residing at 412B High Road, Wembley, Middlesex, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Manager of a Public House, and being a person interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, 1A Walton Street, Chelsea, London SW 3, on the 2nd day of November 1993, for the provisional grant to me of a Justice' licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor at all descriptions for consumption ON the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 284 Uxbridge Road, Shepherds Bush, London W.12. and to be known by the sign of THE WISHING WELL, of which premises Enver Dervish is the owner.

DATED this 22nd day of September 1993
Hoddens of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD, Solicitors and Agents for the Applicant

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EDUCATION

Polishing the bright lights

Today the government unveils its latest plans to help gifted children at school, writes Craig Seton


PAUL SANDERS

Extra maths at Woodlands Infants, Solihull: from left, Mark Lees, Sam Roslyn, deputy head Mrs Mary Parfitt and Philip McDonald

When John Patten became education secretary last year, better provision for gifted children was one of his stated priorities. More pressing issues intervened, but today sees the start of his department's campaign to turn that ambition into reality.

Convincing an articulate and persistent group of parents that he has the answer will be a delicate task, because there will be little more money and no new legislation. Ministers' aims will be to show what can be done by identifying the best practice and persuading other schools to follow suit.

Eric Forth, the schools minister, will start the ball rolling today in Manchester at the first of a series of conferences on high-ability pupils. He will urge head teachers of state schools to do more to identify gifted children and cater for their particular needs.

Mr Forth is expected to tell his audience that, while there has been a significant increase in the number of authorities making specific provision for high-ability children, much still remains to be done. He will counter critics who suggest that identifying gifted children and catering for their needs is elitist and damaging to other children's education. On the contrary, evidence suggests that doing so is likely to raise expectations and standards of education for pupils of all abilities.

In an interview with *The Times* in advance of his conference address, Mr Forth said: "It is our hope and our wish that every school has a policy to deal with such children. Ideally it should be in a school's prospectus so that parents can make appropriate decisions."

He expects the combination of the national curriculum and frequent assessment to make it easier for teachers to identify gifted children and differentiate between those who excel in one subject and others who are exceptionally able across the spectrum. "It may include accelerating pupils into stages or classes of education, beyond where they would be normally, on a subject by subject basis or more generally."

The conference, arranged by the department, will hear examples of authorities and schools that have made specific arrangements to challenge their brightest pupils and create learning conditions where they can fulfil their potential.

One of them is Solihull borough council, West Midlands, which established a programme, Resources for the Extension of Able Children (Reach), in the mid-1980s, when the authority was one of only five to have such provision. Reach now has a register of 2,083 infant, junior and secondary pupils from all the borough's 70 primary and 13 secondary schools listing them as more able or exceptionally gifted. The figure represents about 7 per cent of the total school population.

Reach has its own resource centre for use by schools, and is run by Shelagh Newton, an inspector for gifted and more able children, assisted by an advisory teacher. They give in-service training to teachers and go to schools to help in the process of differentiation, by which talented pupils are identified and catered for within the National Curriculum through extension or enrichment education within their own peer group or through elevation to a higher level in subjects.

Mrs Newton, a former head teacher, says gifted children have specific needs in the same way that pupils with learning difficulties at the other end of the scale were catered for in a structured manner. There is a tendency, for example, for high ability children to hide their talents in order to conform to their peer group, which can lead to poor behaviour through boredom.

She readily acknowledges that the definition of a gifted child can be a problem for schools. High ability children might be identified at an early age by their parents, but it is still possible their talents could be missed. Teachers had to be watchful for evidence of general intellectual ability; all-round cleverness; those with outstanding ability in a particular area: pupils with originality of thought or leadership skills; and children excelling in artistic ability, expressive arts or physical standards in games.

She believes Solihull responds in a structured way to meet the challenge posed by such children, but she added: "What we do here is not a hothouse and it is not about getting nine A's in exams. It is much more caring that that. We want to see that these children use their potential."

At the Woodlands Infants School in Solihull, which uses the Reach programme, Angela Bird, the head, described the practical effects of identifying gifted children. Three children, aged six or seven and from "supportive" family backgrounds, were registered as gifted out of a school population of 235 and another four were being "observed" as likely candidates. At the other end of the scale there were three "statemented" children with learning difficulties.

Mrs Bird said two of the registered children were acknowledged for their skills in mathematics and as a result they and five others regarded as able were given additional maths support once a week. She added: "Able children will always do well, but will they achieve their potential? It is my business as a teacher to make sure all my children do well."

Alderbrook Secondary School in Solihull, which has a roll of 1,272 pupils, is informed through the Reach register of those children in its Year 7 intake who are regarded as gifted. But, Monica Cross, the head teacher, said all her pupils were treated as individuals and were not labelled.

She stressed the vital importance of teacher assessment in identifying pupils with high ability and said their form teachers received full reports from all teaching areas. Through this and other mechanisms, including close contact with parents, able pupils who were under-achieving were given enrichment and extension work to push them on.

Last, but not least, at the gate

FOR much of the child-rearing process, I have found myself regarded as a latecomer at the gate. The most recent test is the school at 3.10pm.

Well, it's not quite 3.10pm: to achieve the casualness of the third-time-round-mum you have to time your arrival for a nonchalant 3.09, or, better, for just as the movement forward begins — 3.10 and 15 seconds. Those of us who are red-faced and breathless at 3.05 are all too easy targets for the knowing smiles. Yes, it must be the first-child syndrome.

"Aaaah," I hear, in understanding tones. "Just the one? You'll notice the difference." I have spent the last six months either being asked what *am* I going to do with all that time on my hands, or being told that the time still won't be mine.



My son must be the modern reception teacher's nightmare. Not only a first child in its first weeks of its first term at school, but the first child of elderly, middle-class parents — the ones who spent the waiting years reading all those earnest books. Now, here we are "parenting". By such words are we betrayed.

But just as we weren't really elderly when pregnant, I now make a plea for not being labelled possessive, not thought to have an unacknowledged addiction to apron strings, just because I wish to continue to be early at the school gate. It took me the first two and a half years of my child's life to realise that there was only the same time again before his care would not be our responsibility alone. I tried to enjoy the time that remained "ours".

Now he is at school and I am glad for him. But as I stand next to the smooth-faced younger mums, their leggings clinging to slim-line thighs (my legs having long since learnt that, contrary to fervent hope, nothing should be allowed to cling) — I *feel* different. You may number many parental latecomers among your acquaintances but in our village we are a conspicuous few.

Over the past five years I have been lucky. I have not needed the valve of nursery or playgroup more often than two mornings a week, because I have a husband with irregular hours and a wish to participate in our "parenting". Only one of my son's peers has had a similar base from which to begin full-time school. The norm has been to spend four whole days a week at playgroup or nursery, or both.

I have often found my son irritating in the way only an incessantly jabbering four-and-a-half-year old can be. But I hope on the whole I have appreciated those years together. Now the trolley round Tescos is a lot lighter, my thighs less bruised by bored feet swinging their way past assorted soap powders. And I am becoming skilled in the art of doing something useful in the ten minutes left before collecting my beloved and his still-wet, glued-together toilet rolls.

I have acquired the dexterity needed to hold a tightly gripping hand at the end of Friday afternoon while carrying somewhat warily a (by now rather high) PE bag, a half-empty lunchbox — oh, and the newsletter detailing the latest on lice.

What shall I do with my time? Enjoy the novelty of being able to think of two sentences together without interruption. Of much else, I'm unsure — always excepting one certainty: that my time ends at 3.05pm. I have a fixed appointment at a school gate for which I do not intend to be late.

HELEN ZANKER

St Cats to Cardiff — and smiling

The Welsh university is sitting pretty, poised for academic lift-off, says its new principal

The academic path from Oxford to Cardiff is not a well-worn one, but Brian Smith, the new principal of Wales's premier higher education institution, hopes that the journey he has just made will soon cease to be considered strange.

Promoting Cardiff into the first division of British universities is the target Dr Smith set himself on taking office this month. After 33 years at Oxford, latterly as master of St Catherine's College, he felt in need of a new challenge.

"I was approached, and was told that Cardiff was an exciting prospect poised for success," Dr Smith says. "I agreed. Cardiff was a bigger job than St Catherine's, and I saw it as an enormous challenge and a great opportunity. Everything is ready for take-off."

Since the merger of the old University College and UWIST in 1988, £90 million has been spent on new buildings. Student accommodation has been a priority, and 40 per cent of Cardiff's 12,000 students now live in college-owned property. On the teaching side, £30 million has been spent on a physics and engineering complex, the final phase of which was opened last Thursday by the Queen.

Five departments (civil engineering, psychology, English, architecture and planning) received top ratings in last year's research review, and research income is up 43 per cent to £17 million — an impressive figure for a university without a medical school.

Cardiff is a constituent college of the University of Wales, but belonging to a federal structure is not a new experience for Dr Smith.

As master of St Catherine's, he was also active in the overall organisation of the university, responsible for academic planning, budgeting and student admissions.

So he believes that federal structures can work. "I'm sure that what's good for Cardiff is good for the university in general."

Another Oxford interest Dr Smith plans to develop at Cardiff is the Japanese connection, which he fostered through St Catherine's satellite college at Kobe. Cardiff is unlikely to move in this direction, but it already has a major engineering partnership with the University of Kitakyushu, and has established a Japanese studies centre.


Brian Smith: a new challenge

Wales has one of Europe's largest concentrations of Japanese manufacturing companies, so it is fitting that Cardiff's Japanese centre introduces the language, cultural and business environment of Japan to its business, law, engineering and language students. The centre also coordinates the work of the government-sponsored Japanese Initiative, which seeks to introduce Japanese as a second or third modern language in schools across Wales.

Convinced that the Pacific rim will be the next century's major growth area, Dr Smith also wants to develop Cardiff's existing China studies centre.

On the European front, last week partnership agreements were signed with Charles University in Prague, the Technical University of Berlin and the Ecole Superiore de Commerce at Troyes, France. A fourth agreement with Kiev University in the Ukraine is on the cards. Dr Smith believes that there is scope for exporting some of Cardiff's higher education expertise by, for example, franchising degree courses to European universities.

Returning to his Welsh roots after years of exile in America and England, he is naturally optimistic about his new college's future. "We have access to a Welsh Funding Council, which has cut out the bureaucracy that can impede development, and we are based in a capital city which has national institutions and an attractive cultural environment.

"I am convinced that within the next few years Cardiff will be one of the universities challenging Oxford and Cambridge."

IOLA SMITH

Turn of fortune for MBAs

A fair in London today indicates a success story

SUCH is the importance to business schools of the Master of Business Administration qualification that even before the size of this year's intake is known, speculation is rife about the demand for places in 1994.

The recession-led decline in the MBA's fortunes seems to have continued this autumn, but the early signs are good for next year. A survey of 250 European firms carried out for the *MBA Career Guide* projects a 15 per cent increase in demand for places, with the United Kingdom the most buoyant part of the continent.

Britain remains the largest employer of MBAs in Europe, despite the spread of courses elsewhere. The magazine suggests that the first signs of economic recovery have revived interest in the prestige qualification, especially in industry and the previously depressed consultancy firms.

The survey suggests that while the availability of jobs is declining throughout Europe, opportunities for those with MBAs are increasing. The best graduates from the top schools are still commanding salaries of more than £50,000 in consulting, and over £70,000 in financial services. Only in industry have salaries fallen marginally.

Today will provide the next indicator of demand, when the biggest MBA fair of the year takes place in London. More than 800 people attended last year, and bookings are up substantially.

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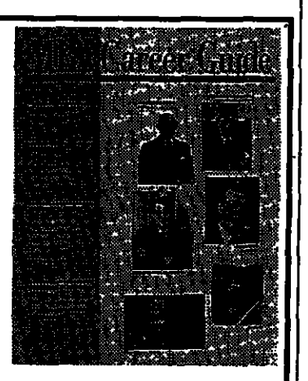
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IF THE barbarities of Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* no longer shock us in quite the way they must have done eight decades ago, today's interpreter is faced with a problem. Do we hear away even the brutality in an attempt to produce in a desensitised modern audience something equivalent to the seismic shock of 1913? That approach seems to be the most favoured by conductors around the world, frenzy sound perversely seductive, as if he'd brought out the lyricism in the score, or that he enabled us to hear delicate touches of instrumentation as rarely before. But in so doing, Slatkin seemed to restore the work to the tradition of the Russian ballet, reminding us that even the most modernist of scores cannot deny its roots.

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Michael White puts his reputation, and other people's money, on the line again tonight. **Andy Lavender** met him

The show must go on . . . and on



ALAN WELLER

A hit-man stalking the West End: Michael White outside the Criterion Theatre in Piccadilly, where he is producing the musical Looking Through a Glass Onion

Whether or not the West End needs a new musical, it will get one tonight when *Looking Through a Glass Onion* opens at the Criterion. Written by and starring the Australian actor John Waters, it is a musical tribute to John Lennon. *Buddy, the musical* tribute to Buddy Holly, proved very successful but *John, Paul, George, Ringo and Bert*, the musical tribute to the Beatles, did not. Producer Michael White thinks the new show is a winner.

"It is straightforward and very powerful. I went to see it in Australia and liked it, and thought I'd do it in London," he says, with the air of a man announcing that he's just popping out for a newspaper.

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But then, White is that mysterious creature: a successful impresario. He has over 150 theatre, film and television projects to his name. Success here, of course, has a different colour than in other walks of life. As White points out, even the most gifted producer has a failure to his name. His own, for the record, include *Metropolis* and a certain *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which he co-produced in 1968. "Sometimes you're just too early," he demurs.

On the other hand, shows like *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Annie* and the much more exotic *Rocky Horror Show* number among White's West End hits, illustrating his claim to have "a very eccentric taste, which veers wildly between the populist and the avant-garde". This diversity is again apparent in his film credits, from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* to *The Ploughman's Lunch* to *Nuns on the Run*.

With so eclectic a track record, what possible criteria can White apply when deciding to back a project? "Instinct," he answers. "If I like it. It's as simple as that. I've only ever done something once where I thought, 'Ah, this will make a lot of money — I don't really like it, but I'll do it.' And it failed."

He clearly liked Looking Through a Glass Onion. Bringing it to London has taken a year, partly because White had to clear the rights to the songs, owned variously by Yoko Ono, Paul McCartney and Michael Jackson, who has acquired the Beatles catalogue. "It's different," says White simply, when asked what attracted him about the musical. "It's got a lot more music than words, but it has no razzmatazz. And Waters gives a wonderful performance. He doesn't pretend to be Lennon, but he talks words that Lennon spoke or wrote."

This is apparently a small-scale project, with production costs of around £160,000, which will take about three months to earn back. Match that against the £3 million it cost to open *Crazy For You*, the musical based on Gershwin songs which White brought over from America, and you get an idea of the difference of scale. It is just as well that *Crazy For You* is doing well. It will take a year at near-capacity to earn back the outlay, "which is quite frightening," White murmurs.

Understatements like this, spoken in a laconic half-drawl, prove White to be a man not easily fazed by the risks — both artistic and financial — his job entails. He it is who must find project, star, director, theatre and appropriate timescale, and make these different elements and egos fit together.

No task is more important, however, than paying the bills. The producer may once have been the main investor, but that is no longer always the case. White concentrates on spending other people's money too, drawing on "years of contacts and experience" to extract sums from those interested in backing theatre productions.

The old image of the theatrical angel, a moneyed philanthropist following a passion, is alas now a figment. "You need a boom economy for that," says White. "Instead it's a combination. You think: 'I might make some money out of this, but I might also have fun, particularly if it's a success'. There's a bit of social enjoyment and kudos; you can get tickets for people, then you get into the circuit, you're able to see things that other people can't, you get invited to parties. But I don't think anybody sits down and says, 'Hmm, how can I make my fortune? I'll invest in the theatre.' "

Even so, White paints a not unattractive picture. And how English it sounds: investing in theatre appears to be a clubby form of gambling, with a pleasant social life attached. This very British mix of business and whimsy perhaps helps account for London's continued pre-eminence as the world's first city of theatre.

Which is not to ignore a degree of cynicism now at work in the West End, dominated as it is by musicals providing nothing other than nostalgic escapism. Plays are less well represented, and over the past year have come into the West End only after proving successful in the subsidised sector: consider Arthur Miller's *Last Yankee* (from the Young Vic), Peter Shaffer's *Gift of the Gorgon* (from the Royal Shakespare Company), the revival of Harold Pinter's *No Man's Land* (from the Almeida), and Stephen Daldry's production of *An Inspector Calls* (from the National).

White disputes the assertion that, plays like these apart, the West End is merely tourist fodder, offering shows of style but little substance. "There *isn't* that much great original drama. There never has been," he argues. "We're fortunate in having the Bush, the Royal Court, the Almeida, the King's Head, the National and the RSC providing serious drama. But what most West End audiences want is entertainment. The West End is not a charitable trust. I regret that there isn't a bit more adventure. But the extraordinary fact about London theatre is how much there is on, at a time when things are very tough."

That much is true, but is the recession solely to blame for the banality of much West End theatre? An article in *Vogue* recently suggested that White himself has inclined towards much more conservative projects of late than in previous years. He rejects the criticism. "There's *huge* risk now in doing anything in the West End," he explains. "The money involved is enormous. It's very regrettable because it eliminates the eccentrics. In the Sixties, if I couldn't raise the money to do something I'd put up a few thousand pounds, but now you'd have to put up a hundred thousand. Makes you think twice."

Indeed. And White insists that there is no such thing as a safe option. "Everything that can happen has happened to me. People have pulled money out when they've said they'll do it. Directors have stormed off . . ." He shrugs and smiles his wry, unfazed smile. "It's the antithesis of a nine-to-five job where you know how much you'll make each year. It's absolutely like being on a rollercoaster."

● Looking Through a Glass Onion *opens tonight at the Criterion Theatre (071-839 4488).*

CONCERT

Lyrical roots of Spring

PO/Slatkin
Festival Hall

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OPERA: A celebration of Tchaikovsky's centenary and (below) a revival of early Mozart

There's gold in them Russian trills

Cherevichki
Wexford Festival



Marina Levitt, as a bright and mettlesome Oksana, with the chorus in Cherevichki

Tchaikovsky obstinately believed *Cherevichki* — known variously as *The Tsarina's Slippers* or *The Caprices of Oksana* — to be just about his best opera. While he was seldom the best judge of his own work, after a performance as invigorating as that with which Wexford marked the composer's centenary you have to admit that it is far, far from being his worst. It is beyond dispute the unlikeliest.

The neurasthenic composer of legend is scarcely to be heard in this robust, spunky setting of Gogol's Ukrainian folk-tale *Christmas Eve*, later also set by Rimsky-Korsakov. There is indeed little call for neurasthenia in this earthy story of the lovesick blacksmith Vakula, his mother the Witch and her string of gentleman-callers (including the Devil), the capricious Oksana and her desire for a pair of Catherine the Great's slippers, and Vakula's successful flight to St Petersburg to receive the eponymous footwear from the hands of Prince Potemkin.

Tchaikovsky responded with a folksy, Glinka-inspired vigour akin to that of his Second Symphony, the "Little Russian". The first and last acts are pure gold; if there are bald patches in the second, they are covered by the action. Whatever else it is, *Cherevichki* is Tchaikovsky's butchest opera, and far better than the Rimsky setting: he was simply the greater composer. How sad that the ENO has not yet kept its promise to stage the Tchaikovsky in the company's existing production of Rimsky's *Christmas Eve*.

The version that opened the *Wexford Festival on Thursday* made ample amends. It was quite brilliantly conducted by Alexander Anissimov, a pupil of Rozhdestvensky, and the National Symphony Orchestra and Festival Chorus rewarded him with marvellously disciplined playing and singing. The opera calls for six settings, and the ingenuity with which designer Bruno Schwengl supplied them on the Theatre Royal's tiny stage is beyond praise. He used the simplest of means to suggest spectacle and atmosphere, to which lavish costumes made a significant contribution. Francesca Zambello directed with a light, affectionate touch: the tongue was just sufficiently in the cheek.

The decision whether to sing the piece in Russian or English must have been a hard one, but the action is easy to follow and the vivid performances of the largely Russian and Ukrainian cast swept away any doubts. Hearing the Russian language emerging from Russian throats is one of opera's great pleasures. Roman Tsymbala really looked like a *blacksmith*, and fielded a beautifully bronzed tenor with a ringing top; Marina Levitt's Oksana was authentically bright and mettlesome.

Many of the supporting cast are alumni of the Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Theatre, larger-than-life performers all: Valentina Cherbinina's voluptuous (vocally and physically) Witch, Leonid Boldin's randy Devil (any old notes, but never mind), Vladimir Matorin's roundly sung Cossack Chub, and Wjacheslav Weinorovski's Schoolmaster, one of the zaniest comedy performances I have seen in years.

Anatoly Lochak's Potemkin was sung with a suaveness of musical line and pungency of diction that put me in mind of Leiferkus. There is gold in them there Russian opera companies, and how clever of Wexford's artistic director, Elaine Padmore, to have mined so much of it. This was an utterly entrancing evening: *Cherevichki* deserves to be staged far more often.

RODNEY MILNES

Singer's feathers are ruffled

Mitridate
Covent Garden

A BUZZARD brought this revival of Mozart's early opera to a halt. The bird, engaged to decorate the court of the absent King Mitridate, was clearly unhappy during the first aria of Aspasia, the King's favourite, and fell, leg-chain and all, into a hole in the middle of the stage. Perhaps it did not like the Aspasia of the Slovak soprano, Luba Orgonasova, making her Garden debut, or perhaps it was just opening-night nerves.

Cries for help from bird lovers in the house were answered by the arrival of a buzzard handler. But the damage had been done. Ann Murray as Sifare (Aspasia's other admirer) looked calm, but the voice did not have its normal control in her following aria. Later she reclaimed her vocal control and gave a virtuoso performance.

Otherwise, Graham Vick's much admired production of two years ago is in good shape. It is an arresting combination of styles. Paul Brown's costumes are extravagant baroque: wide-hooped farthingales of the type Jean-Pierre Ponnelle used when he directed *Mitridate* for Nicholas Harnoncourt. The movement of the supporting players stems from kabuki. The sets are strictly 1990s with brilliant red walls slashed from time to time to provide a peephole onto the world outside.

All is simple and uncluttered so that there is maximum focus on the music. That, alas, is slightly less rewarding than first time round. Paul Daniel, in a disappointing house debut, allows too much pallid playing from the orchestra. Mozart was only 14 when he wrote *Mitridate*, but it should sound much more exciting than this.

Luba Orgonasova came into her own during the final act, when Aspasia welcomes the peace that death will bring. Earlier she had clarity, but lacked the radiance that Yvonne Kenny brought to the part. But the Kenny-Murray partnership in baroque opera is the hardest of acts to follow.

The counter-tenor Jochen Kowalski is back as Mitridate's elder son, the villainous Farnace, and was at his peak in his final aria of repentance. Lillian Watson is crisp and neat as the Eastern princess Ismene. And, towering above all, is Bruce Ford in the title role.

Mitridate is Mozart's first loser: he loses his battles against Rome and he loses his betrothed. His strutting entry is one of Graham Vick's best inventions and Mitridate's death scene is equally effective. Ford himself gets better and better, with his high tenor now acquiring a heroic timbre. *Mitridate*, which has its quiescent passages, needs him. And Graham Vick should beware the RSPB.

JOHN HIGGINS

TELEVISION

They made it themselves — and it shows

For child viewers of *Blue Peter*, there was always a comforting (though cruelly misleading) message delivered very simply, week after week: that aspiration is all. If you *want* to do something, you will. "I think she's going to be one of our top designers one day," Val would announce, referring to the dazzled schoolgirl winner of a fashion competition.

"Yes, we've done it, we've reached our total of 3 million sacks of pillowcases," the presenters proudly declared. "Little Louis swore that, one day, blind boys would be able to read his story" — so ran the commentaries for those illustrated history stories, which always focused on little children (often called Louis) who grew up to be Louis XIV or Louis Braille or Louis Mountbatten. And finally, of course, there was the phenomenon of "Here's one I made earlier", which convinced (nay, deluded) millions of children that a cornflake packet only has to *want* to be a Dinky Toy carpark, and the rest is doddle.

Last night's Here's One I Made Earlier (BBC2) was a strangely unexciting and partial affair, but at least it made this point quite strongly. What *did* happen to the girl who would be "a top designer one day"? Did Daniel (the "*Blue Peter* baby") go on to have "a long and happy life"? While Helen Lederer bravely delivered a fairly weak script from a set strewn with old, glittery Advent Crowns and tortoise hibernation boxes, the focus turned repeatedly — and annoyingly — outwards to the real world. So, although we were dying to find out whatever happened to (say) that nice Peter Duncan, we got instead the potted biographies of pesky kids who had — just once — made a guest appearance. "Any ambitions?" Simon Groom asked a long-haired schoolboy. "Yes, I'd like to be a Grand Master in chess." "Well, I have every confidence that you will be, one day," said Groom. That boy was Nigel Short. And curiously nobody ever heard of him again.

Here's One I Made Earlier was the sort of project usually associated with *The Late Show*, but it was made instead by Lewis Bronze, the current editor of *Blue Peter*, who is arguably a bit too close to the subject. So instead of gossip about Biddy Baxter, or nostalgic revisitings of Rags (the *Blue Peter* pony), we were bemused by footage of a large, cheerful, prematurely balding lorry driver who once was seen in the studio as a schoolboy dietary curio. Standing beside a huge pyramid of tins, he was introduced as someone who had eaten nothing but baked beans.

Viewers, of course, had always wondered what became of Melvyn. Had he finally erupted like a volcano and unsettled the weather system? No, the real answer was less interesting. In adulthood he had broadened his diet to include chicken, but still adhered to his childhood aversion to vegetables.

Here's One I Made Earlier was not a great programme. It would have benefitted from a bit more distance. On the other hand, it had a made-it-myself quality that was exactly appropriate. "You'll never guess how we made this," it seemed to say. "This is what you do." And, sadly: "You can make it at home for a lot less than it costs in the shops."

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THEATRE: The RSC's superb revival of Marlowe; and a musical about English yobs abroad

Savage ruler of a human jungle

Tamburlaine the Great
Barbican

"WE'LL lead you to the stately tent of war," says Prologue, drawing out the last word into a long, erotic purr. He does not skimp on his promise. In *Tamburlaine*, battle follows battle, slaughter follows slaughter; and always there is a relish in the violence, an unashamed sensuality in the savagery.

Terry Hands's production reduces the play's two parts to one, losing the odd massacre in the process, but still makes very clear what Marlowe coolly took for granted and our century continues to learn the hard way: man is an animal which can talk, and talk beautifully, but loves to grab, possess, hound, retaliate, hurt and destroy.

Hands's revival excited everybody at Stratford last year, and seems even more exhilarating now it has moved from the Swan to the ampler acreage of the Barbican. Marlowe's majestic fustian demands correspondingly large visual effects, and certainly gets them here. A great, gaudy curtain of gold coins can fall from high in the flies, or an army of maroon-coloured warriors trundle forward from a bank of smoke-encrusted lances deep at the back of the stage. Throughout, we are made to feel both the brutality of conquest and its terrible allure.

The zoological imagery is all-pervasive. Never does Hands let us forget that, though the characters may sound like angels, they behave like beasts in constant combat for territory.

The Turkish potentates have tusks protruding from their helmets and stalk about on stilts, sending their enemies scuttling away. Their leader, Malcolm Storry's Bajazet, hisses and menacingly rasps, only to be upended by Antony Sher's Tamburlaine and carried off by his men. They might be elephants and apes battling for control of a waterhole; only the watering hole is much of the Middle East.

DONALD COOPER



Antony Sher's magnificent portrayal of Tamburlaine as "a sort of feral Faust, at once poet and predator"

It is, as it should be, Sher's Tamburlaine who most powerfully embraces the play's extremes. He is a sort of feral Faust, at once poet and predator, equally at home with the sublime bluster that Marlowe has put into his mouth and with the physical primitivism Hands wants. He pads restlessly round the stage, sniffing blood and, at one point, bathing in it. He crouches, spitting and barking like an embattled chimp. He does daunting things on ropes, and somersaults down from a ledge, his silvery eyes whirling, his daggers clacking together, and with a hop and a jump is at his enemy's throat. Then the forest creature is transformed into a tribal chief, and is triumphantly leading the dance round the cage in which Bajazet is trapped.

In the second half Sher's voice thickens and his movements slow, but his ferocity is undimmed. Here is a man who could garrotte his son for being cowardly, hang a deputation of virgins for delaying their plea for mercy, or raze a city for the crime of being the place where his wife took sick and died. Yet he never feels guilt, and dies unpunished in his bed. Why not, when he has simply obeyed the laws of nature as Marlowe saw them? This is the way the human jungle is.

What Hands and his cast finally catch is the play's amorality. The result is always disturbing, sometimes alarming, occasionally terrifying: the Royal Shakespeare Company at its imaginative best.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Louts on the loose

Viva España
Arts

THIS musical hatchet-job on English yobs abroad is timed perfectly. Even while its cast of eight sang raucously of sun, sangria and sex, a hundred times that number were being carted home after an outing devoted to advocaat, aggro and assault.

Dave from Bermondsey, Sarah from Deptford, Rick from Tinsley and their five companions are about as likely to cry "Viva España!" as Drake's sailors at the time of the Armada. Spaniards are rubbish. Their bogs are disgusting, their food is revolting, they can't even speak English. What they do have is better weather than Wendy from Croydon or Sam from Stannington.

I wish I could be sure that John Burrows, writer and director, and Rick Lloyd, music and lyrics, intend a hatchet job. They wave their hatchets in the air and make threatening noises — the aggro of "It Doesn't Matter Who" being one such noise — but then they seem to have reminded each other that the audiences might be largely made up of the Ibiza-bound, if not also the yobbishly-inclined. The axes fall harmlessly. The crass, coarse, crapulous louts and the vulgar, vomiting girls swig their terrible liqueurs, buy donkey-dolls, throw each other into pools, bonk, bonk and bonk again (nobody uses the F-word except as a curse) and end up in couples having enjoyed a great holiday.

I disliked their company. Lloyd's tunes, though instantly forgettable, are no more so than the normal disco fodder. The dancing, choreographed by the experienced Bruno Tonioli, relies heavily on variations of dancing on the spot: buttocks squirm, feet go forward and back, knees twitch and hands flap about but the dancers go nowhere. Likewise, the songs merely express a passing, vapid mood.

Their titles and opening lines can serve to tell the story: "Give Me a Clearance So I Can Hold You On Hold", "On Bravado Beach, That's the Life for Us", "Put It In the Hole, Get It Down the Gob", "It Doesn't Matter Who, I'll Take On Anyone", "Stamina — Oh, Do It Again", "Nights Like This", "Last Night We Did the Business", "To Be A Man — He's Not Like That At All" (the transvestite number), "Only For the Boys We Came", "The Sun May Set But I'll Never Regret".

For the closing number red, white and blue lights rake the stage and audience, and the cast line up to sing "Hasta Mañana — We'll Meet Again Tomorrow, Say You Will Be There".

I don't think so.

JEREMY KINGSTON

ROCK: A quirky American singer/songwriter on tour

Not an Essex girl in sight

Juliana Hatfield
Three
Astoria 2, WC2

THE young Bostonian, Juliana Hatfield, has built an enviable profile of late. She probably would rather the style mags focus less on her camera-friendly looks — a *Beverly Hills 90210* director would cast her as Brenda's bad influence even without an audition — and on the precise nature of her ambiguous friendship with current superbabe Evan Dando. But at least they get to the point in the end.

Which is that *Become What You Are*, her second album but the first featuring her current line-up (Dean Fisher on bass, Todd Philips on drums), presents a quirky, beguiling selection of songs. All are self-written, Hatfield frequently choosing to hide the kind of melodic impetus that steers mainstream sirens like Belinda Carlisle into the charts behind a fashionable display of heavy guitars and black humour.

For the London date of their British tour, the Three alighted within the subterranean depths of this new, mid-sized venue. Asked what the mirror-bathed space had been used for before, a member of staff was unflatteringly to the point: "It was where Essex girls came to dance round their handbags when they couldn't get into Stringfellows." If so, none of the old clientele remained on hand to welcome Hatfield. For whatever reason, but one hopes for the robust nature of her guitar sound, she attracts a largely male audience. A sizable section had come to pogo, and the more determined did so even when the music scarcely warranted such a response.

The singer is at her best when using her waifish deadpan on songs of alienation and anomie. "Mabel" proved a particularly good example, its lyric considering the character played by actress Gena Rowlands in *A Woman Under the Influence*. The malevolent "My Sister" and "President Garfield" were almost as good: both displayed an edgy, nervous tension and fudged their potential prettiness in a loose approximation of thrash.

But this polar pull between the bitter and the sweet was the key to something unsatisfactory at the core of Hatfield's performance. She was too polite to be thoroughly mean with her songs, yet too ambitious to settle for sweetness. This show swam uneasily somewhere between the two.

ALAN JACKSON

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

LONDON CITY BALLET: The company that returned from the grave is back on tour with a production of **Coppélia**, this week in Bromley. Production credits are shared by Cecilia Barrett, Jack Carter and artistic director Harold King.
Churchill Theatre, High Street, Bromley (081-460 6677). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

LONDON SINFONIETTA: David Atherton conducts an enterprising programme that combines the British premiere of Henryk Górecki's *Kleines Requiem für eine Polka* with works by Hindemith (Kammermusik I), Knussen (*Ophelia Dances*), de Falla (Harpsichord Concerto) and Stravinsky (Concerto in E flat, *Dumbarton Oaks*).
Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Mon, 7.30pm.

LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION: Opening night for John Waters's musical tribute to John Lennon. Comes to London after critical and public success in Australia. See feature, page 33.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488), 9pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 9pm.

☐ **TIME OF MY LIFE**: Final week of performances for one of Ayckbourn's best family plays. Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor play the older couple, other members of the cast are unchanged from the excellent Scarborough production.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm; mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

ELSEWHERE

ABERDEEN: A whirlwind pageant of choreographed mimicry and costume-change is the mainstay of **Ennio Marchetto's** hilarious one-man show. Nominated for the 1993 Olivier Award for Best Entertainment.
Music Hall, Union Street (0224 641122), 8pm.

BIRMINGHAM: **Mari Wilson**, the pop star turned jazz singer celebrates the change in her career with a stopover at Ronnie Scott's. Her band includes Guy Barker, Simon Hale, Dudley Phillips, Neal Wilkinson and Mick Wilson.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street (021-643 4525) Until Oct 23.

GLASGOW: a welcome opportunity to hear **John Hammond**, the passionate acoustic blues player whose vibrant recent album *Trouble No More* once again boasts J.J. Cale as producer.
Renfrew Ferry (041-552 0767), 9pm.

HEXHAM: Ben Crocker directs The Magnificent Theatre Company in Henry Fielding's **The Grub Street Opera**. A conventional plot of true love upset by mischievous letters is neatly woven into some scurrilous attacks on the heir to the throne and repeated reference to a society founded on corruption. Stylishly done and not a duff performance is to be seen.
Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Beaumont Street (0434 607272), 7.30pm.

LEEDS: Another chance to see **Return to the Forbidden Planet**. Written and directed by Bob Carlton, the musical is a crazy, sci-fi version of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* mixed with rock' n' roll hits from the Fifties and Sixties.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971), 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
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◩ **ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL**: Good acting, especially by Sophie Thompson as husband-hunter, but in one of Shakespeare's poorer plays.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight to Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm.

◩ **ARCADIA**: Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs; mat Wed, 2.15pm. 180mins.

☐ **BOHEMIAN LIGHTS**: Final week for this production of Valle-Inclán's vision of a country in turmoil.
Gate, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30 pm. 150mins.

◩ **CAROUSEL**: Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical extravaganza.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS**. Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

☐ **FOREVER PLAID**: Genial, and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat 8.30pm; mats Fri, Sat, 6pm.

☐ **A GOING CONCERN**: Stephen Jeffreys' likeable suspense comedy tells of the struggle between generations in a family firm. Directed by Matthew Lloyd.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722-9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Final week.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

◩ **MOONLIGHT**: A man on his death-bed rages against the dying of the light. Ian Holm, Anna Massey and Edward de Souza head a strong cast. David Leveaux directs Pinter's first full-length play for 15 years.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. 80mins.

◩ **MURMURING JUDGES**: Revival of David Hare's play about a lawyer, played by Alphonsia Emmanuel, embarking on her career and discovering a system cracking as the seams. With Oliver Ford Davies, Paul Moriarty, Judith Coke.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071 928 2252). Tonight to Wed, 7.15pm; mat Wed, 2pm.

◩ **OLEANNA**: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances from David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **PICKWICK**: Harry Secombe belts out "If I Ruled the World" as boldly as he sang it 30 years ago. The choreography has a Dickensian ball looking almost balletic; a naive but good-hearted musical with a sea of bonnets and frock coats.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm.

■ **SWEENEY TODD**: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Starring Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight and Tue, 7.30pm; mat Tue, 2pm. 180mins. Last performances.

◩ **TAMBURLAINE THE GREAT**: Antony Sher plays the gutsy, roaring tyrant for all it's worth. Terry Hands directs.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, Tue, 7.15pm.

☐ **VITA AND VIRGINIA**: Eileen Atkins' play based on Virginia Woolf's crush on Vita Sackville-West, with herself and Penelope Wilton.
Ambassadors, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat 8pm; mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat, Sun 3.30pm.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **RISING SUN** (18): Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book. With Wesley Snipes and Sean Connery; Philip Kaufman directs.
Electric (071-792 2020) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **THE SECRET GARDEN** (U): Polished version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic; a confident mainstream debut for director Agnieszka Holland. With Kate Maberly and Maggie Smith.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THREE COLOURS: BLUE (15): Brilliantly shot but chilly first instalment of Kieslowski's trilogy. Juliette Binoche as a composer's widow trying to start from zero.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

TRUE ROMANCE (18): Lovers on the run with a suitcase of cocaine. Smart lines, a strong cast, but excessively noisy, violent and empty. Tony Scott directs Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426-915 353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

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◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford as the fugitive trying to clear his name. With Tommy Lee Jones; director, Andrew Davis.
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◆ **IN THE LINE OF FIRE** (15). Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
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THE KILLER (18): John Woo's superior crime melodrama of 1989, drenched in blood and tears. Chow Yun-Fat stars as a disaffected hit-man.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181)

◆ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** (PG): Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington, Michael Keaton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Warner** (071-437 4343).

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Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks star in Nora Ephron's smart but indulgent romantic comedy.
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John Durant on Stephen Hawking, the man who personifies science's search for an answer to all the mysteries of the universe

The scientist who won't be silenced

Stephen Hawking is probably the world's best-known scientist. Since its publication in 1988, *A Brief History of Time* has been in the bestseller list for more than 200 weeks, sold at least 750,000 copies in hardback and been translated into 33 languages. Hawking's life and work have been the subject of several biographies, innumerable television documentaries and a feature film. Through all of this, Hawking has come to personify the scientific quest for an understanding of the universe.

Hawking is well aware of the stereotypes that surround him. In "A Brief History of *A Brief History*", one of the essays in this new collection, he summarises the line taken by his reviewers in the following formula: "Stephen Hawking has Lou Gehrig's disease (in American reviews) or motor neurone disease (in British reviews). He is confined to a wheelchair, cannot speak, and can only move x number of fingers (where x seems to vary from one to three, according to which inaccurate article the reviewer read about me). Yet he has written this book about the biggest question of all: Where did we come from and where are we going?"

In truth, Hawking's physical condition is inseparable from his physics. Cosmology (literally, the study of the universe as an ordered whole) has always been the most ethereal part of science and there is something almost ethereal about Hawking himself.

In spite of his obvious physical dependence on others, he comes across as a fiercely strong and independent spirit: indeed, he presents a picture of a man held together by sheer force of intellect. As he puts it in one of his autobiographical essays, "At first the disease seemed to progress fairly rapidly. There did not seem much point in working at my research, because I didn't expect to live long enough to finish my PhD. As time went by, however, the disease seemed to slow down. I also began to understand general relativity and to make progress with my work."

These essays are a mixture of personal reminiscence and popular science. Hawking describes his largely unexceptional childhood, his life at Oxford and Cambridge, and his experience of illness; but he also speculates on the origin and destiny of the universe, and some of the great unsolved puzzles

BLACK HOLES AND BABY UNIVERSES AND OTHER ESSAYS
By Stephen Hawking
Bantam Press, £16.99

of theoretical physics. Here, he has a chance to clarify some of the more puzzling sections of *A Brief History*. Readers who got as far as the second half of that book may recall encountering Richard Feynman's peculiar notion of the "sum over histories" as well as the enigmatic concept of "imaginary time". Hawking confesses that he should have put more effort into explaining these difficult concepts; and in several of the essays he struggles once more to convey the essence of these ideas in simple terms.

I am not sure that Hawking wins this particular struggle. The sum over histories, he tells us, "is the idea that there is not just a single history for the universe. Rather, there is a collection of every possible history for the universe, and all these histories are equally real (whatever that may mean)." Similarly, he writes that, "You can think of ordinary, real time as a horizontal line, going from left to right ... But you can also consider another direction of time, up and down the page. This is the so-called imaginary direction of time, at right angles to real time." In both cases, I am left with the feeling that what I am being offered is something less than real understanding of the physical concepts.

Perhaps this is inevitable, and perhaps, in the end, it doesn't really matter. It may be that a real grasp of modern cosmology requires a real grasp of relevant mathematics (though I often wonder what the cosmologists themselves really understand of all the concepts they conjure from their equations); but even if this is so, it need not stop the rest of us from getting a rough sense of what the cosmologists are up to. On this, at least, Hawking is reasonably clear: they are looking for a consistent model that describes everything in the universe. At present, they have a number of the key ingredients of such a model — general relativity theory, for example; and quantum mechanics — but these have not been fully integrated; and as a result they don't know exactly what happened in the Big Bang or what goes on inside black holes.

Hawking has done most of his scientific work in a wheelchair, and he has produced his best books and essays with the aid of a speech synthesiser. There is a clarity and sparkle about his prose which is only partly the result of his being obliged to select words one at a time from an electronic dictionary. It is sobering to contemplate the fact that in any other age this remarkable man would by now have been condemned to a life of silence. Long may he continue the struggle to explain his and his colleagues' search for a theory of everything.

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Spain under its little dictator

Obsessed by his anti-communist crusade, Franco ruled Spain for 36 years.

Brian Crozier on a splendidly detailed study of his life and his regime

Modestly, the author of this gigantic tome tells us in his prologue that "unlike many books on Franco, it is not a history of twentieth-century Spain nor an analysis of every aspect of the dictatorship, but rather a close study of the man". This it certainly is. But a study of the man could be distilled in a few pages from the wealth of data assembled here. It is in fact what Professor Paul Preston disclaims it to be: the longest English-language history yet presented of the epoch spanned by Franco's life from his birth in 1892 to his death in 1975, not excluding my own attempt of a generation ago.

Preston's disclaimer of historical intent, however, serves to justify some curious omissions which tend to tilt the balance of the story in Franco's greater disfavour. For example, he (rightly) describes the Nationalist atrocities during the civil war, notably the massacres in Malaga, but glosses over the random atrocities on the Republican side before and during the conflict. He omits any mention of the savage, Communist-instigated persecution of the Trotskyist POUM (*Partido Obrero de Unificación Marxista*) while the Republican government was based in Barcelona. While (again rightly) he has much to say about Franco's obsessive anti-communism, he makes only fleeting references to the Republican premier, Juan Negrín, whose services to Stalin included the shipment of $500 million worth of gold to Moscow.

He is, nevertheless, less explicit than he might have been when dealing with Franco's systematic reprisals after his civil war victory: my own estimate of some 200,000 executions was hotly contested by the Spanish authorities. Perhaps his most surprising omission concerns Franco's attitude to the Jews. He dismisses as "idle speculation" the probability of Franco's Jewish origins,

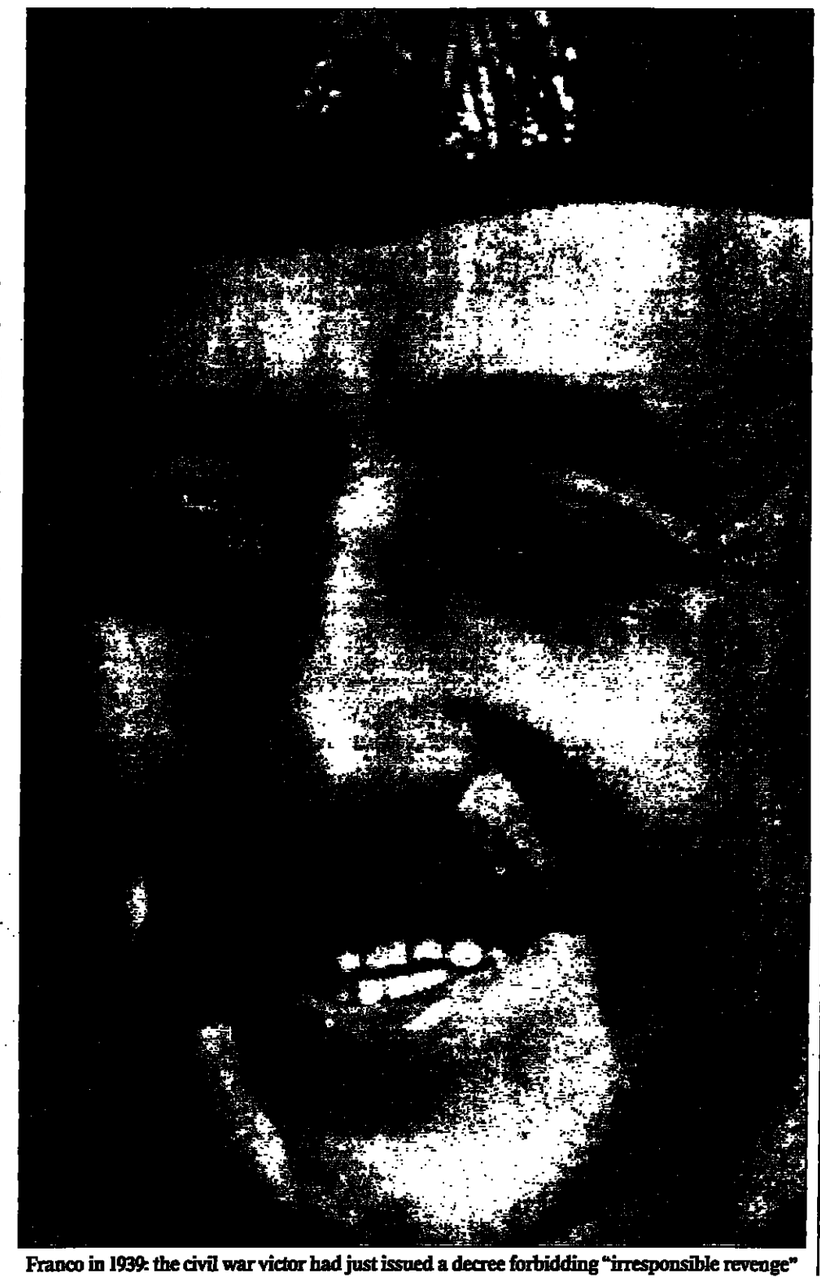
FRANCO
A biography
By Paul Preston
HarperCollins, £25

while conceding that both Franco and Bahamonde (the matronymic) are common Jewish names. (Rightly, yet again) he quotes anti-Jewish passages from Franco's speeches, designed to ingratiate himself with Hitler. Yet he omits to mention that Franco offered Spanish citizenship to Sephardic Jews to enable them to take refuge from Nazi persecution. Still Spanish-speaking, after 450 years of exile, many of them came back. Many other Jews were allowed through Spain during the second world war, on their way to safety in North Africa. In deed, therefore, though not in words quoted by Preston, Franco was helpful to persecuted Jews.

I come now, unavoidably, to that old controversy: Guernica. Fact? Myth? Propaganda? Preston opts for the first; my option is for the second and third. In my view, the author is too readily dismissive of an easily verifiable fact that outweighs any tonnage of documents and Picasso's notoriously titled painting. I had begun to doubt the attribution of this particular atrocity to the Nazis on reading certain German telegrams in the captured archives of the Wilhelmstrasse. When my book came out in 1967, Sir Archibald James, a first world war airman and former MP who had closely examined the area shortly after the (partial) destruction of Guernica in April 1937, pointed out to me that exactly three-quarters of the small town had been destroyed, whereas one quarter was left intact. Significantly, the surviving quadrangle contained the Basque Council Chamber, the Tree of Guernica and the Church of Santa Maria la Antigua. Two points arose. Did the Nationalists and the Nazis have any special reason to preserve these Basque treasures? Clearly not, but the Basques did. More decisively, as James pointed out, such a feat of precision bombing was simply impossible in 1937.

About 18 years ago, when working on a Spanish-language sequel to my book on Franco (*Franco: Crepúsculo de un Hombre*, which Preston does not seem to have consulted), I decided, while on a motoring holiday in the Basque country, to make a detour to Guernica and see for myself. Sure enough, the "historic" quadrangle was as earlier history had left it, while the other three quadrangles had new buildings where the ruins had been. The defenders of the myth, including Preston, seem strangely reluctant to examine this decisive ocular evidence. (Incidentally, Picasso was a member of the French Communist Party at the time: not an irrelevant fact.)

When all this is said, one is still left with a splendidly detailed, well written study of an extraordinary career and of the complex character of a man of diminutive stature. He became the youngest general in Europe since Napoleon, was devoutly Catholic and convinced that God had chosen him to lead a crusade for "his" (and His) Spain. He used Hitler and Mussolini for his own ends, resisted their pressures to join them against Britain and France, merged the original Falange with his Carlist and other supporters. He dropped the *camisas viejas* (old guard) when they had made a mess of the economy, turning to the technocrats of the Opus Dei, who were Thatcherite before the word was coined, and creating the free economy which made it impossible for Franquism to survive Franco — although the little old Caudillo was blind to this particular consequence of the reforms over which he had presided.



Franco in 1939: the civil war victor had just issued a decree forbidding "irresponsible revenge"

MOTHER RUSSIA
By Bernice Rubens
Orion, £4.99

THIS epic novel sweeps, full circle, from the birth of two children in a village in pre-revolutionary Russia, to their return there 80 years later, when the first green shoots of glasnost are beginning to show. Anna, the daughter of a count and Sasha, the son of a peasant, are both nursed by the same woman — Sasha's mother — and are in love from their first babyhood encounter. Growing up under the approaching cloud of revolution, they join the cause and see their hopes dashed as Russia exchanges one tyranny for another. The scale is vast, but the brushstrokes are delicate.

THE HEATHER BLAZING
By Colm Toibin
Picador, £5.99

EAMON Redmond is an elderly judge in the High Court in Dublin. He and his wife spend each summer recess in a small Wexford village, which Redmond has known since childhood. His crisp courtroom manner is contrasted with his vacationing self, when he is unable to register verdicts about his motherless childhood. Toibin's gently elegiac approach in no way diminishes the moral force of the story.

AMERICAN WAY OF BIRTH
By Jessica Mitford
Gollancz, £6.99

A DEVASTATING record of man's inhumanity to woman, starting with the male hijacking of the birth process in the 17th century and culminating with the high-cost, high-tech practices of modern American obstetricians. Mitford has interviewed everyone in the American birth business and you don't have to be a feminist to be shocked by her account of the ruthless way the male medical establishment has harassed and excluded midwives from practising their profession.

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THE TIMES THE THEATRE CLUB

NEC, Birmingham
June 23, 1994
TAKE advantage of a five-day priority booking period for tickets to see Luciano Pavarotti at the NEC, in a concert presented by Tibor Rudas and Harvey Goldsmith Entertainments. The Theatre Club has arranged two exclusive special offers for members. First, there is a reduced-rate booking fee of only £2 when you reserve your £85, £55 or £25 seat. To book your seats call the hotline on 0602 483456. MEMBERS are also invited to a gala dinner, to be attended by Pavarotti himself, following the performance. Tickets are £295 and include best concert seats. Book on the Hospitality Line (071-935 1173), from 9.30pm until 5.30pm. These offers last until 6pm on Thursday, and there is a maximum of six tickets per booking.
YORK
Musical Theatre
Weekend Workshop
Nov 19
STARTING on Friday evening, get behind the scenes of the York Theatre Royal's *Pal Joey*, see the Saturday evening performance, and go to the cast party afterwards. All for £25. Telephone 0904 658162. We've also negotiated a 10 per cent discount at the Dean Court Hotel. Telephone 0904 625082.
LONDON
Sadler's Wells
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Oct 19-20, 27
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OXFORD
Playhouse
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Oct 24
NED Sherrin and the *That Was The Week That Was* team perform in the presence of Princess Margaret. Tickets are £35 or £25 (normally £45 and £35). Telephone 0865 798600
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Rep Theatre
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TWO £6 tickets for the price of one for *American Buffalo*, by David Mamet. Telephone 0382 23530
DARLINGTON
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The Rise and Fall of Little Voice
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Nov 2
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Coppelia
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TICKETS £15 (normally £17), plus a free glass of wine and a programme. Telephone 0494 512000
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Murder abroad on city streets

In Philip Kerr's **Dead Meat** (*Chatto & Windus, £14.99*) the unnamed narrator, a Moscow policeman, is in St Petersburg ostensibly to study that city's methods of dealing with exploding mafia criminality. Grushko, the weary, shambling detective showing him around, is one of the last of a vanishing species, the totally honest cop trying to work in a society which makes it nearly impossible to be uncorrupted.

An investigative journalist is bumped off, followed by various mafiosi; the killers could belong to any of the many national groups striving for criminal supremacy in the free-market jungle. The solution is not important; what is extraordinary about *Dead Meat* is the writer's feel for the physical and morally ambivalent atmosphere of the city, its resentful poverty, smells of decay and lost hopes but also, for some, the exuberance and excitement of a once great metropolis awakened from a



Ed McBain: going strong

deep sleep. Kerr was given every possible research facility, and it shows, sometimes a little too much; but the result is a captivating, intelligent novel.

The Edinburgh described in Ian Rankin's **The Black Room** (*Orion, £14.99*) felt not dissimilar to Kerr's St Petersburg; and the complex Scottish Inspector John Rebus was not unlike Grushko. Perhaps all honest middle-aged cops who drink and smoke too much resemble each other. Rankin strips Edinburgh's polite façade to its gritty skeleton: no Royal Mile or Princes Street, more a succession of depressing side streets with seedy bars and hostile faces. Rebus, saddled with a ne'er-do-well brother and a rift in his love-life, investigates a long-ago hotel fire to help him make sense of current violence and death.

Ed McBain is in good form again with **Mischief** (*Hodder & Stoughton, £9.99*). His first 87th precinct novel came out in 1956, and rarely in nearly 40 years and more than 40 books has he slipped into the sub-standard. He created an entire genre and is still one of its leaders. In *Mischief*, Steve Carella and his detectives are once again tormented by the mischievous psychopath killer the Deaf Man, threatening an imminent homicidal coup. Graffiti writers are being bumped off and there seems to be an agency at work dumping old people with Alzheimer's, on behalf of unloving relatives. It's familiar stuff and all very comforting.

Once a fearless crime reporter in Miama, Edna Buchanan now writes about a fearless crime reporter in Miami: Britt Montero, Cuban American, with a mother trying to marry her off respectably. In **Contents under Pressure** (*Simon & Schuster, £14.99*) Montero digs into an incident in which a black motorist chased by a bunch of cops lands up dead; only he is a much-loved football star and none of the usual police excuses work. Buchanan's characters — hacks, cops, petty criminals, sad victims and the urban corrupt — are well portrayed and the whole has the feel of unyielding reality.

MARCEL BERLINS

Tintin out of his time

Martin Spence

TINTIN IN THE NEW WORLD
By Frederic Tuten
Marion Boyars, £14.95

NOW we know: Tintin wears blue boxer shorts, his wife waxes her legs and Snowy has known happiness with an Andalusian bitch. Absurdly brave, wildly imaginative and embarrassingly mundane, Frederic Tuten's new novel, with its jacket by Roy Lichtenstein, grabs Tintin by his quiff, yanks him out of celibacy, life and innocence and drops him into sex, death and experience.

But Tintin is not Asterix. Innocence is his central, some say only, quality: remove that, and you remove his reality. Hergé's Tintin is an action-child in an adult world, Tuten's is a man in an ivory tower given to lengthy meditations on the imperfectibility of man.

Remove Hergé's overwhelmingly detailed drawings and you remove Tintin's physical presence. Remove his old world of parrots and prima donnas, give him a walk on the wild side towards semiotics and suicide, and you have a problem which would defeat the greatest novelist. Put it another way, Tintin has no character.

So you give him one. You stir in whirligig time-shifts, Freudian analysis, characters from *The Magic Mountain* and a dream sequence of surprising power. Boozy old Captain Haddock? Redundant in the new world, he preaches love and marriage like a born-again Captain Pugwash. I was just longing for Bianca Castafiore's maid Irma to knit this multi-talented author's many styles together: deconstructed, reconstructed, arch, archaic, anodyne, powerful, prissy, peculiar — unlike Tintin, I've run out of words. Boy, does he talk. It must be reading all that Nietzsche through his new bifocals.

Hyped as a raunchy shocker in which Tintin finally grows up, his new world turns out to be much less exciting than his old one: a sort of Sussex University where, still proudly neuter, he survives sampling, sex and waking up in bed with Snowy. Poor Snowy! Even his bark is reduced to an italicised whisper: "Seldom heard Tintin talk so much," he croaks, "I like him better when he's chasing villains."



Blueprint for change

What sort of technology should be taught in schools? Back-to-basics craft skills or cookery? Design or business studies?

This week the Government's third attempt at reform is unveiled. The TES has the details.

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Capitalisation, week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 18. Dealings end October 29. §Contango day November 1. Settlement day November 8. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,571.80	Abbey Nat	435	-4	11.5	3.4	16.4
1,849.00	Allied Irish	281	+9	...	3.7	14.4
2,407.20	Aus New Z	184	+3	...	4.7	...
10,621.10	Bankamerica	2987¼	+75	...	...	...
1,281.30	Bk of Ireland	273	+12	...	4.5	20.0
27.70	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
2,169.20	Bank Scotland	187	-3	4.5	3.1	25.1
9,259.70	Barclays	573	+13	...	...	...
5.63	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
5.48	Carlisle	18	-1½	...	...	...
138.10	Cater Allen	573	-19	27.0	5.9	...
161.60	Cattles	146	...	...	3.6	19.4
3,765.80	Chase Manh	2412¼	-12½	...	...	...
9,321.60	Citicorp	2550 †	...	...	...	...
197.60	Close Bros	446 †	+6	...	3.1	16.3
4,036.10	Commerzbk	£135½	+650	...	3.0	...
16,121.60	Deutsche Bk	£338½	+1650	...	1.8	...
145.20	First Nat Fin	89	...	...	0.7	...
40,568.90	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
199.80	Gerrard Nat	511	-12	21.5	5.3	13.6
6,199.20	HSBC	756	+29	19.0	3.1	18.1
12,774.50	HSBC HK	751	+37	19.0	3.2	18.0
675.70	Hambros	385	+3	14.0	4.5	17.8
21.90	Joseph (L)	418	-5	16.6	5.0	...
22.60	King Shaxson	143	...	9.0	7.9	...
660.80	Kleinwort Ben	501	+12	16.0	4.0	17.4
7,402.90	Lloyds	577	+17	18.4	4.0	16.5
55.30	Lon Scot Bk	93	...	3.0	4.0	18.4
7,306.70	Nat Aust Bk	556	+14	...	3.5	20.2
9,328.20	Nat West	565	+24	17.5	3.9	34.3
554.40	Provident	415	-9	11.4	3.4	18.0
20.00	Rea Bros	51	-1	0.5	1.2	54.2
2,715.50	Ryl Bk Scot	342	-4	8.8	3.2	...
1,277.60	Schroders	1265	-23	...	1.1	25.2
2,438.50	Stand Chart	1024	+26	20.0	2.4	...
3,309.20	TSB	218	-7	6.4	3.7	...
32.60	Union Disc	172	-3	...	...	...
1,911.60	Warburg SG	885	+45	...	2.7	22.1
4,617.00	Wells Fargo	8325	-75	...	1.6	...
3,155.80	Westpac	180	+14	...	4.4	...
27.10	Wintrust	320	+7	9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,159.50	Allied-Lyons	583	+5	...	4.5	15.7
4,105.60	Bass	473	-6	18.9	5.0	10.3
324.40	Boddington	269	+1	7.3	3.4	15.7
232.60	Bulmer (HP)	443	-5	...	2.9	19.3
31.80	Burtonwd Brw	153	...	4.7	3.9	12.8
24.50	Eldridge P 'A'▲	126	-1	...	3.2	33.3
1,979.60	Fosters Brewing	61½	...	...	4.3	∞
87.30	Fuller Sm 'A'▲	432	+4	...	2.1	18.5
8,288.00	Grand Met	400	-20	12.3	3.8	13.2
704.10	Greenalls Grp	367	-6	11.7	4.0	12.2
239.40	Greene King	566	+6	...	2.7	16.0
8,072.30	Guinness	482 †	-7	...	3.7	15.0
63.80	Hardy Hansn	255	-5	7.9	3.9	14.2
3.50	Heavitree▲	138	+18	3.0	2.8	32.9
420.30	Highland Distl	336	+7	6.6	2.5	∞
91.40	Holt J	3048 †	+10	41.0	1.7	19.9
4.03	Hoskins Brew	69	-3	...	...	49.7
374.90	Invergordn Dist	294	-1	...	3.0	16.8
156.10	Macallan-Glen	134 †	-2	0.9	0.9	30.1
53.00	Macdn Martn 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
143.80	Mansfield	225	...	...	2.1	16.1
259.10	Marston Thmp	286	+6	...	2.4	17.3
78.80	Matthew Clark	555	+32	18.0	4.6	16.3
31.90	Mrrydwn W	263	...	7.0	3.3	20.8
111.10	Morland	534	+1	8.4	2.0	20.9
4.90	Paramount▲	9¼	-1½	...	2.1	∞
28.70	Regent Inns	196	...	4.5	2.9	∞
5,771.80	SA Breweries	1087	-16	...	2.5	18.1
1,924.70	Scot & New	455 †	-11	...	4.6	14.2
205.50	Taunton Cider	188	-8	6.0	4.0	15.4
355.70	Vaux Group	257	+8	9.3	4.5	17.7
106.80	Wetherspoon JD	341	-1	5.4	2.0	∞
2,378.30	Whitbread 'A'	535	+2	...	4.2	14.2
196.80	-do- 'B'	1200	...	...	1.8	30.1
321.60	Wolvrhmptn D	488	+2	11.4	2.9	13.7
13.90	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
48.40	Abbey	125	...	...	1.9	20.5
14.40	Albrighton▲	20	...	...	...	...
37.60	Allen▲	141	-6	...	4.4	32.0
220.20	Amec	109	-11	3.0	...	19.9
2.48	Anglia Sec	7¼	...	...	...	...
71.80	Ashtead▲	319	+7	4.5	1.8	32.6
341.90	Allwoods	121	-7	5.0	5.3	∞
1,287.50	BPB Ind	259	-5	...	3.6	44.5
33.30	Baggeridge Brk	84	-5	3.1	4.7	28.2
2.82	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.5	2.6	...
17.30	Barcom	93	-9	1.2	1.7	16.9
232.30	Bardon	42	-2	2.0	6.0	20.7
321.60	Barratt Devs	178 †	+1	4.0	2.8	∞
221.10	Bellway	453	...	...	3.3	26.2
17.50	Bellwinch	40	-1	...	...	...
371.30	Berkeley Gp	432	-3	...	1.7	27.1
14.70	Bett Bros	98	-1	...	0.6	4.0
13.10	Blockleys	51 †	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
1,983.20	Blue Circle	287	+4	...	4.9	...
70.20	Boot (Henry)	270	...	5.9	2.7	15.1
24.70	Breedon PLC	87 †	...	4.6	6.6	21.4
21.60	Br Dredging	123	+4	5.2	5.4	26.7
19.80	Brk Fittings	83 †	...	1.5	2.3	...
364.80	Bryant	133 †	-1	...	4.5	26.8
39.10	CALA	111	-2	...	2.6	...
1,080.50	CRH	310	+4	...	2.7	17.0
1.98	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
82.90	Costain	36	-1	...	...	...
106.80	Countryside	140	-7	...	3.7	37.0
70.40	Crest Nicholson	92	...	0.0	...	...
18.00	Cussins	101	-2	...	1.2	...
2.39	Dunton▲	5	-¼	...	...	...
10.00	Edmond Hldgs	19 †	-½	0.5	...	...
53.60	Epwin	272	...	6.8	3.1	23.0
26.50	Erith	56 †	-1	0.3	0.8	...
46.00	Eve Group▲	483	...	...	2.6	17.5
6.09	Explaura▲	4	...	...	...	...
9.00	Freeman Gp▲	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
37.30	Galliford	42	+1	1.0	3.0	∞
1.25	Gibbs & Dandy	72	...	...	1.7	...
93.20	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	15.0
303.40	Hewden-Stuart	160	...	...	2.5	28.4
3.97	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
261.80	Heywd Wlm	350	-7	12.5	4.5	...
48.40	Higgs & Hill	110	...	2.5	2.9	...
12.40	How Gp	30 †	+1	...	...	...
5.27	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
165.20	Ibstock Johnsen	66	-1	1.0	1.9	...
12.50	Jarvis	18½	...	...	...	...
139.70	Laing (J)	305	-3	9.0	3.7	12.2
48.80	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	121½	-1½	...	6.6	...
8.80	Ln Clydeside▲	97	+2	4.5	5.8	36.5
15.00	Lovell (YJ)	18	...	...	...	8.2
115.70	Manders	306	-17	9.0	3.7	18.7
448.20	Marley	158	+¼	4.2	3.3	46.3
134.90	Marshalls	111	-2	...	4.5	76.4
45.20	Maunders (J)	183	+5	5.1	3.6	∞
121.50	McAlpine (A)	215	-1	6.5	3.8	37.2
39.50	McCarthy & S	42	...	0.5	...	...
322.10	Meyer Int	420	-13	...	3.0	42.1
124.70	Mowlem (J)	115 †	+6	4.0	4.3	...
25.90	NSM	151	-3	...	...	...
9.01	Needler ▲	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
178.60	Newman Tnks	148	+1	...	...	19.8
286.70	Persimmon	292	...	8.6	3.7	29.8
2.34	Phoenix Timber	10 †	-1½	...	...	...
15.90	Pochins	1525	...	28.0	2.4	∞
126.40	Prowting	163	+1	3.4	2.6	...
1.27	Quiligotti▲	1½	...	...	...	...
1,579.80	RMC Gp	806 †	-17	...	3.1	30.3
148.40	Raine Ind	79	-4½	3.0	4.8	∞
2.26	Ratnus▲	20	...	...	...	...
2,671.40	Redland	529 †	-13	25.0	5.9	30.8
10.60	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
801.70	Rugby Group	274	-3	6.4	2.9	21.0
10.50	Svrtid-Rvt▲	67	+5	...	0.5	...
26.90	Sharpe & Fisher	130 †	...	...	3.8	22.6
148.70	Sheffield Insl	226	-4	...	3.0	56.0
17.70	Sherriff Hldgs▲	169	+2	...	1.5	25.2
2.88	Shorco▲	84	...	...	7.7	19.1
22.70	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
10.10	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
1,284.40	Tarmac	140 †	-3	5.5	4.9	...
38.30	Tay Homes	175	+2	5.8	4.3	∞
534.80	Taylor Woodrw	128	+2	1.0	1.0	...
204.50	Tilbury Dougls	605 †	...	33.0	6.8	19.7
3.76	Torex Hire▲	37	...	...	1.4	...
276.10	Travis Perkins	271 †	+1	8.0	3.7	47.7
13.00	Try Group	30	...	1.0	4.2	8.5
2.73	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.3	...
41.90	Vibroplant	91	+2	2.5	3.4	32.7
23.10	Ward Hldgs	44	...	...	...	...
0.83	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
88.40	Watts Blake	425 †	...	...	3.5	18.3
2.42	Wescol▲	23	...	...	...	∞
100.40	Westbury	160	-4	5.0	3.9	25.0
3.92	West Scaffold▲	7½	...	...	...	...
	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
339.90	Wilson Bowdn	438	-14	8.7	2.5	30.1
361.90	Wilson (C)	191	+3	3.9	2.6	33.1
584.20	Wimpey G	162	-13	...	4.1	...
4.75	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
809.50	ADT	583	+4	...	...	...
9.76	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
6.65	Air London▲	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
3.31	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
139.30	Aum Sec	119	+17	...	5.6	21.3
1,233.10	BET Ord	132	...	...	3.1	5.3
26.30	BNB Res	109	+6	4.9	5.7	...
80.50	BPP	306	-3	8.0	3.3	16.9
35.90	Barbour Index	216	-1	8.0	4.6	14.7
22.20	Bousead	26	-1	0.7	...	...
58.30	Brit Data Mgt	240 †	-3	4.7	2.5	17.5
3.98	Broadcastle▲	25	...	...	1.3	19.9
8.43	Brooks Service	70	+6	...	0.9	...
53.30	CRT Gp	99	-1	...	3.5	17.5
82.90	Capita Group	175	-10	...	1.5	27.5
34.00	Caskel Plc	42½	-¼	...	2.4	16.3
20.80	Chiltern Capital	22½	+¼	...	...	...
11.70	Christie	50	...	...	...	...
953.10	Chubb Sec	341	-15	...	1.7	31.2
5.78	Comact▲	90 #	...	...	2.2	22.1
13.20	Corp Services	35	+2	...	...	...
18.10	Coutts Cnslg	76	+10	...	...	...
17.60	Dart	115	+1	3.3	3.6	15.6
226.00	Davis Service	222	-3	...	4.5	16.7
5.37	EW Fact▲	100	+5	4.3	5.4	11.4
31.10	Gardiner	29	-2	0.6	...	20.1
1,098.40	Hays	272¼	-11½	5.3	2.4	∞
162.60	Hogg Robinson	235	-1	...	3.5	17.1
17.20	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.4
8,025.10	Hnch Whamp	231	+18	...	2.1	19.3
525.90	ISS B DKr	2025	+37½	...	3.1	2.7
2,764.10	Inchcape	527½	-5½	...	3.3	17.0
171.40	Johnson Clean	870	+1	25.7	3.7	19.0
89.90	Lep	9½	-¼	...	...	...
31.50	Mitie Gp	279	...	3.5	1.6	21.7
511.80	Manpower	1091	-65	...	...	...
35.90	Michael Page	60	...	1.8	3.8	25.5
6.06	Penna▲	128	...	...	9.8	4.8
1.75	Prime People▲	3½	+1½	...	...	...
49.20	Proudfoot Alex	79 †	-6	...	...	4.4
41.40	RCO	387	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
8.25	REA	97	+10	4.0	...	...
54.30	Reed Executive	106	-2	...	...	...
34.50	Reliance Sec▲	109	-3	...	3.2	23.6
2,055.10	Rentokil	211	-5	2.3	1.4	26.3
14.40	Rolfe & Nolan	258	+4	...	3.5	14.4
1,048.70	Salvesen (C)	363	+11	...	2.7	19.9
3.02	Scott Pickford▲	35	-2	...	2.9	11.2
20.40	Select Appt▲	9½	...	...	...	...
137.20	Serco Gp	1193	+15	14.0	1.5	33.0
9.03	Sherwd Cmp▲	148	...	...	5.9	4.3
61.50	Sketchley	106	-1	...	3.5	24.2
81.80	Warner Howrd	345	+1	6.5	2.4	18.0
13.80	Welpac	31	-1	...	...	...
33.90	Wills Gp	24¼	-½	0.4	2.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
620.00	Allied Colloids	236	-11	...	2.3	20.8
494.80	Amersham	868	+13	...	1.9	30.0
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
6,234.50	BASF DM	£109	+181½	...	6.1	...
390.50	BTP	291	+6	...	4.0	20.0
8,390.30	Bayer DM50	£127½	+118½	...	4.3	...
75.80	Blagden	163	...	9.5	...	17.6
78.30	Brent Chems	116 †	+1	...	8.0	10.6
137.10	Br Bio-Tech	384	-2	...	...	...
7.01	Caird Gp	12½	-¼	...	13.6	34.0
48.70	Canning (W)	172 †	+9	7.2	5.3	19.7
1,945.70	Courtaulds	484	-6	...	3.6	12.9
435.30	Croda	332	+1	...	2.9	19.1
13.70	Deeflex	127	...	4.6	4.6	9.6
181.70	Ellis & Everard	220	+2	...	4.0	21.0
10.50	Euro Colour	35	...	0.8	2.9	21.4
101.90	Halstead (J)	342	+1	6.5	2.4	∞
301.70	Hickson	174	-8	...	5.7	16.1
6,829.50	Hoechst	£115½	+50	...	3.1	...
188.00	Holliday Chem	220	-5	...	2.1	20.3
5,256.10	ICI	729	...	...	4.7	...
1,300.00	Laporte	681	+4	19.5	3.6	18.8
135.50	Leigh	212	-5	...	4.6	20.5
14.50	MTM	56	-1	...	...	...
3,983.80	Norsk Hydro	1935	+56½	...	1.5	22.4
112.20	Paterson Zoch	460	-1	11.4	3.1	19.8
96.40	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
102.10	Plysu	215	-25	...	4.1	14.0
42.20	Porvair	274	+1	3.6	1.6	29.3
30.90	Sutcliffe Speak	55	+1	...	...	...
107.40	Wardle Storeys	435	-20	16.0	4.6	17.5
38.80	Wolstnhlme R	525 †	...	17.0	4.0	18.0
175.50	Yorks Chem	384	...	...	2.5	20.6
208.50	Yule Catto	245 †	-1	5.9	3.0	15.0
7,087.50	Zeneca	730	-5	...	4.6	44.3

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
30.60	Alexon	69	+3	...	...	...
68.60	Amber Day	59	-2	3.1	6.6	16.2
1,031.60	Argos Plc	347 †	-2	...	2.5	29.6
19.00	Ashley Group	13½	-1	...	...	...
223.20	Ashley (Laura)	95	-2	0.1	0.1	...
255.40	Asprey	320	+4	5.1	2.0	22.2
44.10	Austin Reed	144	-6	...	2.2	...
71.00	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	...	...	4.9	15.4
43.20	Bentalls	103	-1	1.9	2.3	...
198.50	Betterware	195	-13	...	1.3	23.3
13.70	Blacks Lsre	43	-3	2.2	6.5	...
368.80	Body Shop	197	+28	...	1.1	23.3
81.70	Brown & Jacksn	12½	...	...	0.8	6.6
305.10	Brown (N)	418	+15	...	2.1	24.4
1,082.60	Burton	75	-2½	...	3.3	...
25.70	Cantors	155 †	...	4.0	3.2	∞
37.60	Church	348	...	12.5	4.5	31.0
27.20	Clinton Cards	160	-5	4.2	3.6	10.1
1,766.30	Coats Viyella	273	-2	...	3.3	37.7
20.30	Colourvision▲	100	-3	5.6	7.0	18.0
182.00	Courts Furnish	743	+33	5.5	0.9	9.3
2.16	Crown Eyes▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
2,158.40	Dairy Farm Intl	130	+9	...	2.6	19.1
104.20	Dewhirst (D)	83	-½	1.0	1.5	26.6
1,098.70	Dixons Grp	278	+4	...	2.8	...
596.80	Dunhill	351	-16	8.1	2.0	13.6
5.73	ERA Gp	10	+1	...	...	...
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
18.30	Essex Furn	160	-2	...	2.8	∞
166.50	Etam	255	-3	6.9	3.4	23.2
462.50	Fine Art Dev	581	-8	12.7	2.7	19.0
3.99	Fired Earth Tiles	63	-5	...	...	...
13.40	Forminster	568	...	14.0	3.1	10.3
21.60	French Conn▲	136	-13	...	...	...
24.20	Gent SR	67	+5	2.1	4.0	∞
15.10	Goldsmiths Gp	69	...	0.3	0.5	...
209.50	GUS	3850 †	-13	...	1.4	30.3
5,207.50	-do- 'A'	2155 †	+12	...	2.6	16.9
3.74	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
67.00	Harolstone	64	-1	...	5.5	...
32.20	Helene Plc	26½	-½	2.0	9.7	12.2
3.27	Heritage▲	74	...	...	...	...
5.12	Honeysuckle▲	63	-6	...	2.0	8.9
13.80	Jacques Vert	145	...	...	2.6	11.1
4,316.00	Kingfisher	660	-14	...	2.6	22.4
23.60	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
95.40	Liberty	575 †	...	7.2	1.6	67.7
323.20	Lloyds Chem	274	-7	7.2	3.4	∞
866.30	MFI	149	+5	...	3.1	31.3
11,182.70	Marks Spencer	404	+4	...	2.5	22.2
321.90	Menzies (John)	579	+8	...	2.3	16.4
39.40	Moss Bros	236	+4	5.5	2.9	27.7
712.20	Next	193	-1	2.5	1.6	22.0
9.10	Oliver (G)	36	-1	...	...	...
161.20	Oriflame Intl	302	+4	...	4.0	14.8
63.30	Pentos	44	-1	1.5	...	9.2
76.60	QS Hldgs	195	...	5.1	3.4	13.8
22.60	Rhino Grp▲	42	+1	...	...	...
171.20	Sherwood Gp	154 †	-1	...	2.1	13.9
1,734.20	Sears	115	-1	...	3.8	...
82.80	Signet Group	28½	-½	...	...	...
1,254.00	Smith WH 'A'	460	+1	...	3.9	15.1
2.80	Specialeyes▲	18	...	...	...	...
841.20	Storehouse	203	-8	...	3.1	26.2
99.00	T & S Stores	155 †	...	5.9	4.8	11.5
81.00	Tie Rack	157	+1	1.0	0.8	25.7
124.40	Time Products	236	+6	7.5	4.0	20.1
7.62	Usher (Frank)▲	109 †	-11	...	6.9	9.4
20.40	Vivat	37	+1	1.0	3.4	11.5
2.54	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
996.90	Wickes	106	-2	...	0.2	48.1
5.53	Wld of Leather▲	68	...	...	...	...
57.40	Wyevale▲	187	...	...	2.7	24.7
5.78	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
320.90	ACT Group	174	-2	...	3.6	17.5
35.20	Acal▲	343	...	...	3.2	16.9
68.40	Acorn Comp▲	103	+12	...	...	52.2
49.10	Admiral	455	...	5.4	1.5	19.2
75.50	Alba	163	-5	...	3.7	20.4
12.30	Alphameric	45½	-½	...	...	...
287.70	Amstrad	49½	-½	0.5	1.3	∞
14.70	App Holo▲	71	...	...	...	...
24.70	Arlen	41	-1	...	...	...
257.00	Astec	83½	+3½	...	0.4	...
24.00	Beales Hunter	244	-1	...	4.8	15.1
2.92	Bennett & Fount	2¼	+¼	...	...	...
1,394.30	BICC	397	-25	19.2	6.2	...
110.80	Bick	445	-19	9.2	2.6	17.3
321.20	Borland▲	1138	-12	...	...	...
594.40	Bowthorpe	360	...	6.3	2.2	23.4
28,330.40	BT	456½	+10	...	4.3	21.6
5,697.40	BT P/P	207	+8½	...	4.2	22.0
3.12	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12	-5	0.1	1.0	...
33.30	Burnfield	97	-5	5.7	7.4	15.3
10,540.30	Cable Wireless	967	-68	...	1.9	25.3
63.20	Chloride	26½	+½	...	...	...
47.40	CML Micro▲	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
15.30	Comptr People	110	+5	0.6	...	...
315.20	Cray Elect	143	-3	...	1.3	14.7
49.70	Critchley	431	+2	...	1.8	∞
760.70	Delta	514	-14	...	3.4	21.5
15.60	Densmans El▲	399	...	...	2.1	15.3
115.20	Domino	450	...	7.2	2.0	15.4
90.90	Dowding Mills	62	-2	...	5.0	26.6
70.70	Druck▲	1105	...	10.0	1.1	23.6
915.60	Electrocomponts	436	+4	...	2.3	17.8
48.70	El Data Prc	560	...	5.1	1.1	15.4
33.00	Electron House	128	-1	2.6	2.5	28.1
23.30	Emess	22	-1	0.1	0.6	...
279.80	Eurotherm	626	+6	8.0	1.6	28.5
749.20	FKI	169	+1	...	2.2	24.7
616.40	Farnell Elect	460	+4	...	1.7	24.4
7.44	Feedback▲	88	...	...	2.1	11.5
81.90	Ferranti	8½	+¼	...	...	...
40.90	First Tech	275	+1	...	0.5	22.9
20.70	Forward Gp▲	257	...	...	1.6	23.2
6.12	Forward Tech	18	-1	...	...	...
9,401.50	GEC	344	-21½	10.3	3.7	17.3
117.70	Graseby	186	-1	...	7.3	39.1
10.50	Graystone	11	+1	...	...	...
1.35	Hilcare▲	36 †	...	...	1.7	...
6.65	INSTEM▲	139	-3	...	2.8	9.9
66.60	Ind Control	167	-1	4.4	3.3	∞
68.80	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.9	15.2
3.85	Kembrey	13½	-½	0.1	1.4	...
126.40	Kenwood App	344½	-½	...	2.8	19.3
28.50	Kewill Sys▲	242	-1	...	...	...
16.10	Kode	173	...	3.5	4.0	20.5
4.51	Laser-Scan▲	28	...	...	...	...
45.60	LBMS▲	254	-3	...	0.4	35.8
14.50	Lec Refrig	240	...	9.0	4.7	...
234.20	Life Sciences	138	-3	3.5	3.2	15.0
164.80	Logica	268	+9	4.0	1.9	∞
4.51	LPA Ind▲	34	...	...	8.1	15.2
107.60	MR Data Mngmt	196	-14	5.1	3.4	∞
161.30	Macro 4	713	...	...	3.1	21.7
117.60	Meavier-Sw▲	241	...	...	1.9	21.3
203.50	Micro Focus	1433	-17	...	...	13.2
63.80	Microgen	162	-2	7.2	5.6	11.0
20.60	Microvitec▲	31½	...	...	...	...
201.80	Misys	520	-4	...	1.7	19.0
423.50	Mitel	336	+44	...	...	...
13.80	MMT Comp▲	130	+2	...	3.4	16.5
9.05	Molynx	48	...	1.3	...	...
44.50	MTL Inst▲	253 †	...	...	1.8	19.1
18.10	Multitone Elect	120	-9	3.5	3.6	∞
22.50	Murray Enter	236	+1	...	2.1	...
6,170.60	NYNEX	2987½	+12½	...	...	...
32.90	Neotronics	128	...	2.6	2.5	16.5
2.60	Newmark (L)	56	-2	...	...	...
18.20	Norbain▲	239	...	...	0.8	18.4
10.80	Northamber	61	-1	0.6	1.2	...
15.20	Oceonics	11	...	...	...	...
135.70	Oxford Inst	281	...	4.5	2.0	19.3
16.00	P-E Intern'l	73	...	...	...	...
40.00	P & P	72	...	1.4	2.4	38.2
86.50	Peek	77	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
14.40	Pegasus▲	223	+7	...	3.6	57.2
12.20	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	8.1	...
4,314.40	-do- Lmp nv	1350	+25	...	...	...
106.50	Phonelink▲	300	+27	...	...	...
26.40	Pifco	285	...	...	1.8	23.9
19.00	-do- 'A' Voting	275	...	...	1.9	23.1
3.07	Plasmec▲	66	+3	...	...	5.6
27.50	Pressac	108	+1	2.4	2.8	21.8
30.40	Psion▲	138	+10	...	2.3	36.6
584.20	Racal Elect	209	-19	4.2	2.5	12.4
10.10	Radamec	55	-1	...	3.4	11.7
10.10	Radius▲	37	-5	2.7	...	12.8
4.48	Real Time ▲	64	+1	...	5.9	13.1
7.02	Riva▲	27	+1	...	...	34.2
92.90	Sage Gp	453	-3	9.0	3.5	14.5
28.20	Sanderson Elec	317	-23	9.0	3.5	13.5
29.00	Scantronic	76	-3	3.1	5.1	19.2
64.80	Scholes Grp	171	...	5.0	3.7	∞
302.10	Sema Gp	332	-6	2.8	1.1	26.9
12.70	Silvermines	39	-1	...	3.2	...
4.70	Soundtracks▲	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
3,073.80	TDK	2337½	+53½	...	1.4	26.5
1.30	TDS Circuits▲	14½	-2½	...	...	...
173.80	Telemetrix	192	-1	0.8	0.5	31.6
3,884.50	THORN EMI	914	-40	...	4.4	18.7
17.20	Thorpe FW	133 †	-7	2.6	2.5	∞
5.36	Total Systems▲	52	-2	3.0	7.2	9.2
82.40	Tunstall	515	+2	6.0	1.5	20.6
193.30	Unitech	283	...	...	2.7	67.0
16.00	Verity	8	+½	...	...	...
35.30	Vistec▲	29	-½	...	1.6	16.6
5,623.50	Vodafone	539	+35	...	1.6	25.3
120.40	Volex	456	...	17.8	4.9	18.7
3.16	Western Selectn	21	...	...	...	...
38.60	Wholesale Ftgs	272	-12	11.7	5.4	28.9

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,250.10	East Midlands	573	+11	...	4.3	10.7
1,608.90	Eastern Elect	595	+15	...	4.0	11.9
1,522.50	Hydro-Elect	397	+1	...	3.6	14.4
1,297.70	London Elect	595	+14	...	4.1	11.2
757.90	Manweb	638	+18	...	4.1	9.2
1,270.20	Midlands Elec	606	+20	...	4.1	10.9
5,214.20	National Powr	408	+3	...	3.2	12.1
784.10	Northern Elec	637	+14	...	4.2	9.2
528.40	Nthn Ireland	301	-1	...	3.9	10.8
1,080.30	Norweb	629	+17	20.0	4.0	9.7
3,494.30	PowerGen	445	-1	...	2.9	11.8
3,321.30	Scottish Power	395½	+5½	...	3.5	14.7
827.50	Seeboard	649	+16	...	3.9	10.5
643.10	Sth Wales	633	+8	...	4.4	10.5
742.30	Sth Western	603	+17	...	4.1	9.6
1,645.00	Southern Elec	603	+12	...	4.1	11.1
1,285.30	Yorkshire Elec	620	+11	...	4.1	11.1

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.90	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
22.20	BWD▲	119	...	...	3.4	18.6
29.30	Baltic Plc	97 †	...	...	1.3	...
447.10	Caledonia	538	-6	...	3.5	20.0
40.60	Camellia	1625	+121½	...	2.2	6.1
69.40	Candover	311	-3	10.2	4.1	22.0
60.70	Fletcher▲	177	+23	...	0.4	...
268.40	Govett	328	+1	...	4.9	9.6
46.70	Ivory Sime	161	-6	...	5.0	15.1
2.16	LIT	3½	-¼	...	...	...
0.66	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
237.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	237	+8	8.4	4.4	17.2
13.60	Manakin	67	+2	5.0	9.3	∞
9.56	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
18.20	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
64.40	Rathbone Brs	327	-1	6.0	2.3	19.9
62.90	Rutland Tst	24¼ #	...	...	4.1	14.5
34.70	S & U	324	-9	10.0	3.9	11.9
155.80	Singer & Fried	81	...	...	4.6	...
285.00	Sotheby's	840	+32	...	4.0	...
446.70	SIP Capital	164	+3	3.0	2.3	67.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
11,429.50	Amer Express	2375 †	+69½	...	...	...
233.30	Henderson Ad	1090	+27	...	4.8	25.1
437.20	Invesco	177	-3	...	2.1	...
2,305.10	Jardine Strat	244	+10	...	3.2	10.2
744.30	MAI	230 †	-2	...	3.8	14.6
1,308.90	MAM	696	+5	15.0	2.7	17.4
733.70	M & G	977	+16	...	2.7	26.0
197.60	Smith New Crt	380	+4	...	2.0	5.7
42.30	Trio Hldgs	76	-1	...	4.9	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,146.20	AB Food	478	-18	14.0	3.7	11.0
1,558.20	ASDA Group	53¼	-4½	1.6	3.7	12.9
93.40	Acatos & Hutch	283	+3	6.5	2.9	16.3
453.70	Albert Fisher	75	-3	3.7	6.3	12.5
3,284.50	Argyll	293	-15½	...	4.7	10.8
27.90	Assoc Fisheries	199	...	...	6.3	3.3
19.00	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
61.00	Barr (AG)	323	-2	6.5	2.5	16.3
11.40	Bensons Crsp▲	63	...	...	5.7	14.2
122.10	Berisford Intl	123	-5	...	...	...
822.40	Booker	387	-8	...	7.2	32.9
26.80	Borthwick	46½	+½	...	3.2	57.8
237.50	Brake Bros	460	-7	6.2	1.7	19.4
70.00	Budgen	43	-1	...	2.9	13.1
3,908.20	Cadbury-Schw	472	+8	...	3.5	16.7
8.30	Carrs Milling	122	...	3.9	4.0	24.4
25.70	Cranswick	190	-3	...	5.3	14.2
3.70	Cullens	14½	...	0.5	4.3	41.7
15.00	Dalepak	129	-5	6.0	5.8	10.2
1,094.00	Dalgety	479	-17	...	5.5	13.2
4.16	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
329.40	Devro	244	-3	...	2.8	23.2
26.10	Everest	104 †	...	3.7	4.4	∞
84.90	Farepak	376	+4	5.7	1.9	23.1
2.19	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
70.80	Finlay (James)	77	-4	...	6.9	24.9
280.50	Fyffes	100	+5	...	1.6	18.0
267.10	Geest	372	-13	8.1	2.7	16.6
16.30	Global▲	17¼	-1	...	4.6	21.0
18.60	Grand Central	47	...	1.2	3.3	∞
405.60	Hazlewood Fds	175	...	...	4.6	9.9
1,094.40	Hillsdown	159	...	8.8	7.0	12.3
540.80	Iceland Group	197	+3	...	2.1	12.4
44.40	JLI Group	107	+1	...	5.4	11.8
1,029.00	Kwik Save	666	-24	16.0	3.0	12.8
90.80	Low (Wm)	170	+1	8.4	6.2	8.2
96.80	Matthews (B)	78	-2	2.2	3.6	51.1
16.30	Merchant Retail	18	+1½	1.1	7.6	36.9
742.10	Morrison (W)	104 †	-4	...	1.0	13.5
68.10	Nichols (JN)	223	+3	13.6	7.6	6.5
1,386.70	Nthn Foods	242	-25	...	4.3	12.0
5.25	Nrdmbrn Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
229.70	Nurdin Peack	181	-4	...	4.2	10.0
121.90	Park Foods	233	...	...	3.2	18.0
103.10	Perkins Food	84	+1	...	6.5	9.6
58.70	PizzaExpress	111 †	+2	...	0.6	23.5
5.85	Regina Hlth▲	4½	...	...	...	...
7,363.10	Sainsbury J	412½	-24	...	3.0	14.5
3.22	Sentry Farm▲	75	-1	...	2.5	13.5
34.40	Sims Food	115	...	...	8.2	22.2
1,320.30	Tate & Lyle	369	-7	12.0	4.1	11.6
3,980.80	Tesco	203 †	-13½	...	4.4	9.2
100.60	Thorntons	158	-6	3.6	2.9	∞
14.90	Treatt▲	136	-2	...	2.9	17.8
876.00	Unigate	375	-20	...	5.4	12.3
1,926.80	Utd Biscuits	367	-1	...	5.3	22.4
18.90	Usborne	20½	...	...	4.9	∞
116.80	Watson & Phil	301	-1	13.3	5.5	15.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.64	Abrdn Stk H▲	22	...	...	...	...
173.60	City Centre Rest	91	+1	1.5	2.2	22.0
1,874.10	Forte	221 †	-4	...	4.2	17.3
25.50	Friendly Hotels	154 †	-2	...	4.6	30.0
8.67	Harmony Leis▲	11	+¼	...	...	...
34.30	Jurys Hotel	129½	+½	...	5.0	10.4
2,167.90	Ladbroke	190 †	+12	11.1	7.3	16.2
468.60	Mandarin Orntl	69	+4	...	4.9	17.1
439.00	Queens Moat	47¼ #	...	1.3	3.7	...
180.50	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
5.97	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
12.10	Ryan Hotels K	18½	+¼	...	6.6	...
233.90	Savoy Hotel 'A'	818	...	7.0	1.1	...
344.10	Stakis	64	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
12.00	AAF Inds	52	-2	...	21.2	3.2
454.80	AAH	518	-13	...	4.2	16.6
25.70	AIM	185	+2	7.5	5.1	11.2
240.00	APV	100	+3½	...	6.8	...
132.70	ASW	198	-3	...	3.8	...
138.20	Adwest	170	-7	...	5.5	15.9
7.98	Aerospace Eng	21	-1½	...	4.5	27.6
65.90	Airsprung	278	-2	...	2.0	17.8
53.90	Alendra W	160	...	3.8	3.0	44.2
4.55	Allied Radio	9½	-¼	...	...	...
87.00	Alumasc	565 †	-5	...	2.6	16.7
22.50	Alvis	41	-1	1.0	3.0	8.4
20.50	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
2.40	Amberley Gp▲	40 #	...	...	3.1	...
34.90	Anagen	75	-4	...	...	...
12.30	Andrews Sykes	86	...	...	6.4	...
297.30	Antofagasta	993	+33	...	2.0	18.3
13.50	Armour	50	-¼	...	4.2	11.6
39.20	Ash & Lacy	310	+5	6.4	5.4	15.1
9.19	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
136.80	Avon Rubber	518	+12	...	4.0	20.7
27.40	Assoc Nursg▲	248	...	...	0.5	15.2
54.60	Atlas Equip	525 †	...	...	5.2	13.2
6.00	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
627.40	BBA	155	-9	...	6.0	13.2
4.98	BLP Group▲	75	+14	...	...	...
22.70	BM Gp	20½	...	5.0	...	0.9
3,060.70	BOC	643	+5	23.2	4.5	14.1
188.30	BSG	72½	+1	...	5.6	25.0
121.70	BSS Group	468	+4	...	4.6	28.0
12,494.90	BTR	370	-11	...	3.6	20.7
80.10	BWI	168	+1	6.7	5.1	∞
180.30	Babcock	33½	-2	...	7.8	20.0
4.40	Bailey (CH)	8	...	...	...	...
311.00	Baird (Wm)	275	-5	8.9	4.1	18.8
1,302.70	Barlow Rand	612½	-31½	...	5.5	3.5
82.90	Baynes (Charles)	60	-1	...	3.0	24.6
3.47	Beauford	4½	...	...	...	...
4.41	Bechenham▲	5	...	...	...	...
1.43	Bedford (W)▲	30	+1	...	...	...
21.50	Benson Group	16¼ #	...	...	2.3	12.5
123.50	Bespak	488	-55	10.0	2.6	15.3
129.80	Bibby (J)	83	-9	9.7	...	4.9
4.08	Billam (J)	252	...	5.0	2.5	12.7
2.36	Bilston Bttrsea▲	28	...	...	...	...
6.62	Bimec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
45.90	Birkby	211	+11	3.5	2.1	20.0
9.15	Black Arrow	37	-1	2.6	8.8	11.6
6.09	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
130.40	Black (Peter)	238	+5	3.7	2.0	20.9
39.90	Bluebird Toys▲	513	-21	...	1.1	15.6
163.90	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.2	18.0
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
5,340.50	Boots	514	+25	...	3.3	19.1
2.00	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
2,260.50	Bowater	453	-8	...	3.2	18.9
458.70	Bowater Inc	1266 †	+54	...	...	...
61.50	Boxmore Intl▲	277	+5	...	1.7	20.6
11.30	Brasway	14½	...	0.5	4.4	∞
127.70	Brammer	285	...	13.0	5.7	21.2
7.14	Bridgend Gp	24½	-1½	0.4	2.0	...
67.50	Bridon	119	...	...	4.2	...
7.61	Bridport-Gndry	76	-2	4.1	6.7	14.3
1,160.60	Brierley Inv	46	+½	...	7.5	∞
27.50	Br Bldg & Eng	245	...	...	1.3	...
2.96	Br Bloodstock▲	78	-1	...	...	...
140.10	Br Polythene	470	-3	...	2.7	16.7
2,480.00	Br Steel	124	-2½	...	1.0	...
28.90	Br Syphon	85	+2	...	4.4	23.8
23.50	Br Thornton	146	-6	...	2.1	16.0
503.80	Br Vita	234	...	7.1	3.8	14.4
75.80	Britton Grp	14½	...	...	1.5	...
12,608.80	Broken Hill	761	+33	...	2.3	35.5
76.90	Bromsgrve Ind	107	...	...	5.1	13.9
3.45	Brooke Tool	9½	+¼	...	...	...
18.50	Brown & Tawse	58	-1	...	...	...
152.30	Bullough	127	+1	6.0	6.0	21.7
7.70	Business Tech▲	16½	+¼	...	...	...
19.00	CI Group	22	...	1.0	...	20.8
3.75	Campbll & Arm	26	+3	...	...	...
33.00	Cannon St	32	-1	...	...	...
135.90	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
149.20	Carclo Eng	347	-2	8.6	4.4	17.6
1,854.90	Carnaud Md	2300	-25	...	2.7	∞
3.89	Cassidy Bros▲	72	+3	...	4.2	11.8
44.30	Castings	210	...	4.3	2.6	14.8
146.20	Cathay Intl	63	...	...	...	...
12.80	Chambrlin Hill	175	...	6.2	4.5	10.9
510.20	Charter	747	+3	...	3.7	17.6
62.20	Chemring	319	...	...	3.2	19.2
4.43	Chieftain Gp▲	51	...	5.1	...	10.9
11.90	Chillington	42	+8	0.2	0.7	...
321.90	Christies Int	201	-2	...	0.9	49.9
10.50	Clayhithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
1.64	Clayton Son	75	...	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	...	...	...
6.74	Cohen (A)	363	...	6.8	...	...
71.00	Community H	217 †	-2	...	4.0	14.8
116.30	Concentric	215	-1	...	3.8	18.1
61.10	Cook (Wm)	27½	-25	5.0	2.2	16.9
1,133.80	Cookson	202½	-9½	...	3.7	26.8
7.70	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
57.80	Crwll Pkr 'A'	143 †	-1	...	5.0	19.3
15.20	Cosalt	132	-1	10.7	...	20.1
8.82	Creighton Nt▲	191	+4	...	4.8	11.7
59.10	CrestaCare	35 †	-1	0.5	1.8	30.3
1,727.70	Dana	3762¼	-68¼	...	...	...
493.50	Danka Bs Sys	300	+36	...	0.5	28.5
109.40	David Brown	206	-3	...	3.7	14.5
1.08	Davies (DY)▲	17	...	...	...	...
1,341.40	De La Rue	699	+17	...	3.0	18.5
3.97	Dinkie Heel	30	+3	0.9	4.0	23.5
305.80	Diploma	549	-1	9.7	2.2	28.6
97.60	Dobson Park	78	...	5.7	...	14.0
1.88	Dyson (J&J)	114	+2	5.0	5.5	21.0
9.28	-do- 'A'	77	+3	5.0	8.1	14.2
5.86	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
179.90	EIS	408	-2	...	3.9	16.0
3.17	Elbief	25	...	...	...	...
13.30	Eleco	46	+14	...	...	0.00
1,611.70	Electrolux 'B'	2262½	+225	...	2.3	...
18.40	Elliott (B)	75	...	...	...	...
1,233.10	Eng China Cl	409 †	-2	...	6.1	23.8
19.90	Environmed	138	...	...	...	59.3
7,436.40	Ericsson 'B'	3962½	+325	...	0.7	...
32.90	Eurocopy	68	-8	1.6	...	36.4
44.80	Expamet	71 †	...	...	...	1.7
250.70	Fairey Group	674 †	...	10.2	1.9	20.8
55.40	Fenner	121	+9	...	...	22.8
6.16	Ferraris Group	63	-2	...	2.0	14.8
3.25	Ferromet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
5.21	Ferrum	16	...	2.5	...	11.2
5.89	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
1,133.40	Fisons	164	-1½	...	6.8	14.9
53.80	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	9.6	...
67.10	Flogas	273	...	...	3.6	12.5
11.10	Folkes Group nv	36	-1	1.5	5.2	20.4
9.70	French (Thomas)	81	...	3.6	5.6	40.6
130.30	Frost Group	222	+4	...	2.3	28.0
31.30	GEI Intl	85	...	...	7.3	...
1,347.30	GKN	473	+11	...	5.4	31.5
5.79	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.7	...
3.58	Garton Eng	94	...	4.0	5.4	...
268.10	Gestetner	143	-3	8.2	7.2	6.2
8.87	Gleves	39	+1	...	...	28.2
20,284.10	Glaxo	669	+3	...	4.1	17.5
8.22	Glenchewton	31½	-1	...	...	...
653.00	Glynwed	317	-1	11.6	4.7	29.5
65.10	Goode Durrant	123	+2	...	3.5	...
102.30	Grampian Hd	148	-2	5.5	4.7	25.4
2,316.60	Granada	495	+19	7.7	1.9	26.4
52.50	Great Sthrn▲	445	+34	...	3.1	18.3
7.96	Green (Ernst)▲	99	...	...	9.2	∞
26.40	Greenacre▲	15¼	...	...	2.3	15.1
1.99	Guardian Grp▲	10½	...	...	...	...
54.10	Haden MacLn	61½	-½	...	4.1	22.2
0.44	Hadleigh Inds▲	89	+3	...	0.7	...
80.90	Hall Eng	276	...	8.6	3.9	33.0
390.40	Halma	199	-7	...	1.2	26.7
27.50	Hampson Ind	45	+4	1.6	4.4	14.9
13,456.10	Hanson	265½	...	...	5.4	13.5
18.10	Harris (Philip)	162	...	...	5.3	9.8
1,314.10	Harrisn Crsfld	189 †	-3	9.0	6.0	27.3
22.80	Havelock Euro	88	+2	...	...	...
6.00	Hay (Norman)	40	...	...	...	...
4.03	Headway	25	...	0.7	3.5	∞
2.27	Healthcare	4½	-½	...	22.2	1.2
797.20	Hepworth	387 †	-3	14.8	4.8	16.7
12.60	Hewitt (J)	223	+8	3.0	1.7	17.4
1.84	High-Point	36	...	1.3	...	...
47.70	Hill & Smith	160	-1	...	4.4	22.3
16.80	Hobson▲	18½	-½	...	...	...
5.49	Holders Tech▲	17½	...	...	4.3	23.0
39.00	Hopkinsons	50	...	1.3	...	37.4
14.00	Hornby▲	173	+5	...	6.5	16.3
232.50	Howden	87	-3	2.2	3.3	15.3
223.90	Hunting	233	-11	...	5.5	19.3
116.50	Huntleigh Tec▲	448 †	+33	...	2.8	11.6
915.40	IMI	282	-10	...	4.4	25.0
45.80	ISA Intl	118	+1	1.5	1.6	18.3
36.20	Intercare Gp▲	142	+3	...	2.3	15.0
34.30	Isotron	277	-2	4.3	2.0	∞
4,241.10	Jardine Math	595 †	+46	...	2.1	21.7
916.70	Johnson Math	484	+7	...	2.7	21.2
62.50	Johnson & FB	44½	-1½	3.0	8.4	13.7
15.50	Johnston	148	...	3.2	...	...
3.04	Jones Shipman	25	-3	...	...	...
6.06	Jourdan (T)	32	+1	0.7	3.0	...
15.80	Kalamazoo	86	+4	2.1	3.1	20.0
212.50	Kalon	160½	+2½	...	2.5	22.3
6.67	Kelsey Ind	217	+14	13.0	...	...
192.20	Kershaw (A)	553	+8	27.0	6.1	28.7
27.70	Kleeneze	200	...	...	...	...
6.40	LGW▲	144	-1	3.0	2.6	11.9
400.80	Laird	342	+7	...	3.8	16.8
39.20	Lilleshall	146	...	...	3.6	19.2
14.20	Lincat▲	208 †	-2	...	3.6	14.7
3.63	Lincoln Hse▲	22½	-1½	...	...	18.5
13.10	Linread	109 †	...	3.7	4.3	16.8
34.00	Linton Park	253	...	...	6.9	9.1
19.60	Lionheart	10	-1½	0.2	2.5	...
6.00	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
287.60	Lon Intl	170	+7½	9.4	6.9	13.0
904.00	Lonrho	125½	+4½	...	4.0	...
345.50	Low & Bonar	354	-8	...	3.2	49.6
1,968.80	MB-Caradon	332	-6	...	3.3	26.8
297.90	-do- pf	169½	-2	7.2	5.5	...
58.60	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
12.80	MS Intl	47	...	...	6.6	48.4
18.70	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
155.00	Macfarlane	205	-2	...	1.9	23.2
407.60	McKechnie	445	+2	14.7	4.1	22.1
62.30	McLeod Russel	103	-1	6.0	7.3	12.6
12.30	Maddos	2½	...	...	...	15.0
5.74	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
16.30	Mang Bronze	99	...	1.0	1.3	...
39.90	Marling	22½	...	...	3.6	...
39.30	Mayborn▲	198 †	+4	...	3.2	15.2
114.90	Mayflower	58 †	...	...	2.7	48.4
324.80	Medeva	119	+13	...	2.4	9.7
222.30	Meggitt	103 †	...	...	4.6	17.5
98.00	Metair	120 †	+1	...	3.8	19.6
36.60	Metrotect	152	-1	...	2.7	21.1
14.70	Mettoy▲	95	...	...	...	...
42.20	Midstates	87	+1	...	1.1	11.7
6.58	Mining & Ald	20½	-½	0.5	3.0	...
156.20	Molins	504 †	-8	...	3.5	12.1
713.30	Morgan Cble	329	-7	...	4.9	17.0
14.50	Morris Ashby▲	177	...	...	3.8	13.4
6.74	Neepsend	28	...	0.7	3.3	37.6
46.40	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
23.30	Nobo Gp	191	...	4.8	3.1	18.9
292.60	Norcros	167½	-2½	...	5.2	24.5
24.00	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
154.80	Nu-Swift	350	+12	...	...	∞
3.86	Office Elec Mac	63	-10	0.1	0.2	...
17.60	OMI Intl	39½	+2½	...	5.5	...
10.10	PCT▲	132	...	...	6.9	15.0
3.34	Pacer Systems▲	71	-1	...	6.2	...
345.90	Pentland	96	-1	...	3.3	13.1
172.90	Photo-Me	291	-16	4.6	2.0	18.8
1,117.70	Pilkington	142	-4	...	3.5	...
63.70	Plantsbrook	86	...	3.0	4.4	13.6
228.10	Polypipe	146 †	...	2.1	1.8	∞
17.00	Porter Chadbrn	15	-3	...	8.7	8.2
1.78	Porth Gp▲	9½	+½	...	...	...
315.50	Powerscreen	366	-2	...	2.3	19.0
32.50	Prospect Inds	18½	+2	0.7	5.1	9.3
7.66	RPS Group▲	64	+1	2.2	4.3	14.1
1.22	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
23.50	Ramco Oil▲	130	+9	...	1.0	43.5
2,763.10	Rank Org	845	+32	31.0	4.6	23.1
9.63	Ransomes	17	...	...	...	...
2,407.50	Reckitt Colm	642	-4	...	3.2	14.6
23.60	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
6.44	Reece	5	...	...	...	...
51.00	Relyon	343	-7	4.9	2.5	39.2
133.40	Renishaw	274	...	6.5	3.0	∞
71.40	Renold	108½	+12½	...	1.2	...
6,403.50	Reuters	1543	+25	21.2	1.7	25.5
10.50	Rexmore	60	...	1.7	3.6	...
99.10	Ricardo Group	187 †	+13	...	3.8	26.5
6.20	Richard (Leics)	74 †	-1	...	4.4	...
21.10	Richardson West	80	-3	3.0	4.7	20.5
8.76	Ropner	134	...	8.2	7.7	19.0
19.70	-do- 'A'	126	...	8.2	8.2	17.9
28.60	Ross Gp	25	-4	0.6	3.3	10.1
147.60	Rotork	170	+2	...	2.7	19.9
31.80	Rubicon	162	...	...	3.3	22.7
15.30	Russell (A)	65 †	+1	...	...	...
17.50	SEP Indl	28½	+½	...	3.3	26.1
637.40	SKF 'B'	1000	+62½	...	...	...
54.00	Saville Grdn (J)	54	-4	...	5.1	26.9
498.60	Scapa	213	-2	...	3.3	16.2
139.10	Scholl	207	-3	...	3.8	15.1
1.61	Scot Heritable	4½	...	...	...	...
45.30	Securicor	1091	+8	2.6	0.3	41.5
639.10	-do- 'A'	780	+42	2.6	0.4	30.1
767.30	Security Serv	700	+40	5.0	0.9	34.6
291.70	Senior Eng	124½	...	...	3.2	30.6
93.90	Seton Health	316	+17	...	2.3	18.5
3.26	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
8.14	Shiloh	141	+1	2.9	2.6	15.2
173.90	Sidlaw	318	...	...	3.9	20.3
2,073.40	Siebe	533	-2	...	2.3	19.7
169.00	Silentnight	358	+3	...	2.8	19.2
2,021.00	Sime Darby	129	...	...	4.2	∞
76.50	Simon Eng	76	-2	...	...	...
41.40	Sinclair (Wm)	190	-20	7.0	4.7	∞
24.20	Six Hundred	45	-1	...	4.9	...
1,419.00	Smith & Neph	157¼ †	-3½	...	4.2	15.3
5,513.00	SmithKline	403	-15	8.6	2.7	14.6
4,689.80	SmithKline Eq	358	-12	...	3.6	12.1
1,059.10	Smiths Ind	356	-16½	11.2	4.0	14.5
79.20	Sthn Bus	82	+6	3.3	5.2	7.8
49.50	Spandex▲	460	+2	...	1.8	20.3
27.30	Spear (JW)	520	-5	4.0	3.4	9.7
270.20	Spirax-Sarco	357 †	+1	...	3.3	22.4
214.40	Spring Ram	58	-8	...	...	18.1
261.10	Staveley	229	-6	...	4.6	12.9
45.40	Sterling Ind	162	...	...	4.3	24.8
190.50	Suter	174	-6	8.8	6.3	18.2
	Swire Pacific 'A'	380	+9	...	2.4	∞
4.22	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
5.09	Sykes-Pick	55	...	...	...	10.3
24.10	Syltone	148 †	...	...	4.0	19.7
1,632.20	TI	351	-8	...	3.8	24.0
7.00	TLS Range▲	31	...	...	1.0	...
319.20	TT Group	312 †	-4	...	2.6	19.2
209.20	Takare	234	-1	1.8	1.1	19.4
7,101.50	Takeda Chem	812	-22	...	0.8	15.4
4.52	Tex Hldgs	68	...	...	...	...
7.36	Tinsley (E)▲	101	...	...	6.7	15.6
27.00	TIkon▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
2,613.80	Tomkins	234	-4½	...	3.4	17.2
1,027.50	Trafalgar H	96½	-10½	...	4.2	7.1
95.40	Transfer Tech	100	-2	3.2	4.0	12.6
109.00	Triplex Lloyd	169	...	...	5.2	20.3
369.90	UniChem	264	-4	5.6	2.7	17.1
70.20	Unidare	365 †	...	...	5.4	18.3
4.89	Unigroup	32	...	...	...	...
9,042.60	Unilever	1115	+63	21.3	2.4	15.2
12,329.10	Unilever (NV)	7675	+450	...	2.7	12.6
330.30	VSEL	845	-9	...	4.3	9.1
15.00	Verson	10½	-¼	...	...	...
512.60	Vickers	156	-1	...	1.2	...
123.30	Victaulic	279	-6	...	3.5	13.8
182.00	Vinten	446	-1	...	2.0	20.7
213.90	Vosper Thorny	691	...	...	2.9	16.7
4.46	WSP Hldgs	42	...	...	...	10.9
197.10	Wagon Ind	445	...	...	4.9	19.6
87.10	Walker Greenbk	91	...	3.1	4.3	22.9
376.90	Wassall	247	-7	2.5	1.3	24.9
256.40	Wtrford Wdgwd	39	-½	...	...	...
473.00	Weir	306	+1	...	2.4	17.3
6,547.00	Wellcome	756	-33	13.0	2.1	20.9
6.28	Wellman	19½	+½	0.9	5.8	31.8
180.50	West H'thcare	354	...	...	1.3	∞
110.10	Whatman	483 †	-1	9.5	2.5	16.4
69.50	Whessoe	239	...	...	4.2	9.3
29.30	Whitecroft	67	...	...	...	...
10.70	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
22.00	Wilkes (James)	125	-3	3.5	...	36.6
1,602.30	Williams Hldg	327	-6	12.5	4.8	17.1
29.90	Wilshaw	37	-2	...	1.7	23.3
1,790.20	Wolseley	673	-19	12.5	2.3	23.3
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
12.10	Wyko	37	-1	...	3.4	...
8.62	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515.70	Alex & Alex	1750	+62½	...	4.9	...
4,808.20	Am Gen	2225	+12½	...	3.5	...
13.90	Archer (AJ)	55	+3	4.4	...	26.7
11.10	Berry Bch Nbl▲	170	...	...	3.9	13.2
67.80	Bradstock	125	...	5.1	5.1	15.4
850.00	Britannic	450	-20	...	3.1	...
3,491.70	Com Union	628	-12	...	4.3	...
117.30	Dom & Gen	1725	-25	...	1.6	22.6
91.80	FAI	57	+2	...	...	...
3,296.80	Gen Accident	731	-4	26.7	4.6	...
1,927.00	GRE	222	-6	7.0	4.0	18.2
247.40	Heath C E	383	...	...	5.2	...
104.30	Hogg Gp	161	-2	8.1	6.5	14.3
217.20	JIB Group	175	+2	...	5.4	17.9
2,493.70	Legal & Gen	511	-11	...	4.7	31.0
2,406.00	Liberty Life	1050	+25	...	2.4	20.5
3,047.50	Lloyds Abbey	453	...	17.3	4.8	16.3
187.30	Lloyd Thomp	277 †	+1	6.7	3.0	17.2
442.40	Londn & Man	369 †	-12	14.2	4.8	27.2
114.60	Lowndes Lmb	408	+1	13.5	4.1	14.7
4,001.70	Marsh McLn	5456¼	-81½	...	3.3	...
25.60	Oriel	129	+7	...	4.9	...
18.80	PWS	60	...	4.0	8.3	8.7
6,717.70	Prudential	356	-4	...	4.2	23.6
518.10	Refuge	1008 †	-45	31.5	3.9	27.9
2,063.80	Royal	318	-4	...	2.6	...
919.70	Sedgwick	179	+11	...	4.2	22.1
69.30	Steel Burrill	148	-6	...	...	8.7
44.00	Sturge Hldgs	87	...	8.2	...	8.8
3,111.30	Sun Alliance	386 †	-9	14.2	4.6	...
131.50	Trade Indemnty	72	+14	...	...	...
972.30	Transatlantic	328	...	12.0	4.6	30.4
828.30	Utd Friendly	645	+5	14.5	2.8	28.1
901.20	Willis Corroon	216	+11	...	3.8	46.4
5.24	Windsor	19	-1	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
901.70	Alliance	1789	+22	45.0	3.1	39.1
219.10	Amer Trust	263	+2	4.9	2.3	54.6
461.40	Ang & O'seas	404	+5	6.8	2.1	51.3
77.80	BZW Conv	154	+3	7.8	6.3	∞
289.70	Bankers	187	-1	3.4	2.3	51.2
162.60	Baring Tribne	317	+3	6.4	2.5	50.1
10.60	Berry Starq	203	+9	2.2	1.4	66.0
405.10	Br Assets	105½	...	...	5.1	25.8
107.70	Br Empire Sec	81	...	0.8	1.4	...
3.66	-do- Wnts	27½	...	...	...	...
611.50	Br Inv	196	+1	4.5	2.0	44.2
41.40	Cont Asset	191	+3	2.4	1.6	63.5
17.80	Derby Inc	151	-1	...	11.8	9.1
42.90	-do- Cap	280	+2	...	...	...
11.00	Drayton Blue	87	...	8.4	12.1	9.7
36.30	-do- Eng Intl	80	-2	1.2	1.9	...
151.40	-do- Far East	131	+4	0.6	0.6	...
26.90	-do- Korea	117	+2	0.5	0.6	...
212.70	Dunedin Inc G	671	+11	...	4.8	30.9
36.80	-do- Japan	92	-1½	...	...	...
3.68	-do- Warrants	46	...	...	...	...
233.50	-do- Wwde	697	+13	9.5	1.7	71.8
48.60	Dundee & Lon	289	+3	...	3.9	26.7
672.60	Edinburgh	297	+2	8.4	3.5	32.5
496.50	Electra Inv	287	...	8.7	2.9	39.1
169.00	Electric Gen	187	+4	3.1	2.1	58.3
1.70	English Scot	113	+3	...	...	...
73.80	European Asset	296	+3	...	2.4	38.4
31.70	Finsbury 'A'	132	-1	3.0	2.8	42.5
195.00	Fleming Amer	294½	+4½	0.7	0.3	...
114.10	-do- Claver	214	+1	...	3.1	42.2
212.90	Do Contl	326	+10	2.7	1.0	...
80.20	-do- Emp	200½	-1½	...	2.0	40.5
529.20	-do- F East	350	+19	1.1	0.4	...
41.20	-do- Fledg	327	+2	3.0	1.1	...
30.60	-do- Hi Inc	107	-2	...	5.1	18.3
271.00	-do- Japan	235	-2	0.3	0.2	...
411.80	-do- Merc	285	+4	6.7	2.9	61.0
385.80	-do- Oseas	289	+1	4.2	1.8	60.5
1,361.00	Foreign & Col	259	+4½	...	1.7	70.5
318.00	-do- Emg Mkts	118	-12	0.2	0.3	...
59.20	-do- Enterprise	63	+3	0.4	0.9	...
132.80	-do- Eurotst	225	+6	1.2	0.7	...
49.90	-do- German	127	+4	0.5	0.5	...
333.30	-do- Pacific	113 †	+13	...	0.8	...
148.50	-do- Smaller	166½	+2	1.8	1.4	...
152.90	GT Japan	245 †	-1	...	0.6	...
29.00	Genl Cons Cap	160	+5	...	...	...
42.70	-do- Inc	118	...	...	9.0	12.2
39.60	Govett Am Smlr	159	+9	...	...	...
33.30	-do- Emg Mkts	111	+7	...	...	...
998.40	-do- Oriental	333	-15	0.9	0.4	...
226.90	-do- Strategy	282	+7	...	3.0	38.9
46.10	Greenfriar	401	+1	...	2.0	60.2
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
343.90	Inv Cap	139	...	5.1	4.6	27.9
26.70	I&S Uk Smllr	92	...	2.8	3.8	25.7
165.20	Kleinwort Chrt	204	+½	5.0	3.1	39.7
187.30	-do- O'seas	233½	+2	3.3	1.8	66.3
19.00	-do- Smlr	136	+3	...	3.2	33.0
154.60	Law Debenture	681	...	18.2	3.3	34.0
102.90	Majedie	196	...	...	3.0	37.9
277.70	Merchants	271½	+2½	...	5.1	25.2
6,945.60	Merrill Lynch	6550 †	+125	...	...	...
384.10	Monks Inv Tst	495	+5	...	1.7	62.7
33.90	Morg Gren Inc	139	+2	...	4.1	27.6
2.53	Do Warrants	52	...	...	...	...
17.30	Murray Euro	56	+2	0.1	0.4	...
1.19	Do Wts	19½	+1½	...	...	...
295.40	Murray Income	352½	+6	10.9	3.9	35.7
413.90	-do- Intl	344 †	+9	11.6	4.2	31.0
219.40	-do- Small	391	+7	...	1.3	...
5.05	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.4	9.0
4.84	-do- S/C Cap	123	...	...	...	...
1.59	-do- S/C Uts	3075	...	...	4.3	...
9.34	-do- S/C DP	156	...	...	...	...
75.60	-do- Vent	306 †	+2	10.9	4.5	∞
35.60	Nwthrng Inc	91 †	...	6.7	9.3	17.1
129.90	O'seas Inv Tst	341	+9	2.8	1.0	...
89.90	Pacific Assets	454	+44	1.1	0.3	...
13.80	Do Warrants	389	+46	...	...	...
12.50	Personal Assets	8250	...	160	2.5	48.7
274.20	RIT Cap Ptnr	152	+2	1.1	0.9	...
25.10	River & Merc	125	+2	9.2	9.2	12.5
	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
	Rolinco	413	...	...	1.9	...
96.00	St Andrew Inv	279	+1	7.5	3.4	37.5
345.50	Scot American	154½	+3½	...	3.7	32.7
54.00	Scott Asian	257	+26	...	...	...
4.55	do Warrants	650	+95	...	...	...
513.20	-do- Eastern	81	+2	1.5	2.3	53.2
570.10	Scottish	224	+2	4.6	2.6	46.5
804.40	-do- Mtge	223	+7	4.0	2.2	57.9
46.90	-do- Value	98	+2	...	1.8	69.8
307.00	Second Allnce	1599	+31	...	3.0	40.2
203.10	Secs Tst of Scot	91½	+2	3.2	4.4	30.3
45.70	Selective Asset	158	+2	1.2	0.9	56.8
44.90	Sphere Inv	37	...	3.1	10.7	11.7
76.70	TR Far East	165	+10	4.5	3.4	36.2
303.60	TR City Of Lon	152½	...	...	4.0	32.9
119.30	TR Pacific	178	+7	0.3	0.2	...
99.50	TR Property	35	+3	0.9	3.2	36.7
52.40	TR Tech Inv	119	+10	1.7	1.8	44.1
347.50	TR Smlr Cos	195	+4	...	2.4	45.1
196.00	Temple Bar	342	+3	13.2	4.8	25.8
102.00	Thrmtn Asian E	102	+4	0.5	0.6	...
237.00	Throgmorton	78	+3	2.3	3.7	31.8
18.30	Throg Dual Cp	523	+10	...	...	...
83.40	USDC Invest	228	+1	4.5	2.5	41.9
47.50	Value Inc Tst	112	...	3.6	4.0	28.2
468.20	Whitbread Inv	742	+1	16.5	2.8	44.7
810.60	Witan	216	+3½	5.6	3.2	37.8

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
420.00	Airtours	455	+38	7.2	2.0	16.1
35.70	Ald Leis	56	...	3.0	6.9	∞
160.30	Anglia TV	361 †	-4	...	3.2	16.7
16.20	Baldwin	89	-4	3.0	4.2	12.1
24.20	Barr & W 'A'	244 †	...	10.0	5.1	15.8
44.70	Boosey Hwks	1145 †	-30	22.0	2.4	17.2
13.80	Border TV▲	135	+1	...	3.1	12.2
15.30	Brent Walker	5½	-¼	...	...	...
4.07	Bristol Scotts	73	+18	...	...	...
8.44	Buckingham Int	7	...	...	...	...
9.88	Campari	95	-8	...	...	...
159.80	Capital Radio	226	+3	5.2	2.9	26.1
1,524.30	Carlton Comm	766	+9	17.0	2.8	22.6
11.70	Castle Comm▲	188	...	...	5.7	17.2
550.90	Central TV	2048 †	+8	38.0	2.3	22.3
30.00	Chrysalis	113	-5	...	...	...
522.60	Compass Gp	582	+3	...	2.8	17.4
51.30	Eurocamp	195	+2	9.7	6.3	8.0
1,037.00	Euro Disney	610	-35	...	1.9	...
6.36	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
24.60	Ex-Lands	35½	+½	0.3	1.2	∞
10.80	Fairline Boats	310	-3	10.5	4.2	...
434.90	First Leisure	267	-5	6.1	2.9	18.5
17.90	GWR Gp▲	580	-5	...	1.5	28.8
34.30	Grampian	243	...	6.1	3.1	16.8
1.33	Greenwich Com▲	19	-1	...	...	...
60.90	HTV Group	88	+3	...	...	39.1
28.00	Hi-Tec Sports	60	-4	...	4.3	...
23.50	Kunick	6½	...	...	...	...
517.30	LWT Hldgs	500	-3	...	1.2	23.1
	Man Utd	589	-2	19.5	4.2	∞
150.10	Owners Abrd	92	+17	3.5	4.8	7.4
27.00	The Pelican Gp	67	+2	...	2.1	15.7
10.80	Prism Leisure▲	133	+2	...	3.1	12.3
8.42	Quadrant Grp	36	+5	...	...	...
29.00	Radio Clyde▲	322	...	...	3.3	25.2
12.40	Ransdens (R)	207	+13	...	2.7	27.5
204.50	Scot TV	426	+14	9.9	2.9	20.9
15.60	Southern Radio	55	...	0.7	1.8	22.9
102.10	Stanley Leisure	229	...	4.3	2.4	18.1
7.82	Sunleigh ▲	8½	...	...	...	...
6.86	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
647.30	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
19.00	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
18.40	Tottenhm Hot	115	+15	...	...	3.7
21.90	Trans World▲	55	+3	...	1.8	20.1
51.60	Ulster TV	491	-7	10.0	2.5	15.1
70.90	Vardon	97	...	0.7	1.0	22.9
46.40	Wembley	18	...	0.2	...	...
13.30	Whitegate	46	+1	...	...	...
104.30	Yorkshire TV	207	-24	12.0	7.2	6.3
7.61	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,228.50	Am Gold	5087½	+346½	...	4.0	25.9
399.90	Ang Am Coal	1587½	+18½	...	5.7	8.4
5,081.00	Ang Am	2187½	+56½	...	3.1	19.0
23.70	Anglo Pac Res▲	30½	-½	...	...	...
32.20	Blyvoors	134	+4	...	...	...
5.88	Bracken	42	-2	...	29.3	2.6
75.50	Buffels	686	+59	...	9.3	6.2
6.47	Butte	2½	+¼	...	...	...
3,987.20	CRA	672	+18	...	3.0	23.0
30.70	Cluff Res	28½	-2	...	...	...
5,346.60	De Beers	1409½	+131½	...	3.5	19.3
118.50	Deelkraal	119	-8	...	1.6	13.7
26.40	Doornfontein	66	+7	...	...	...
1,609.60	Driefontein	789	+32	...	3.7	15.6
12.30	Durban	529	+41	...	...	...
61.50	E Rand Gold	134	-2	...	8.5	3.9
34.40	E Rand Prop	207	-5	...	...	...
409.30	Elandsrand	422	+48	...	2.8	10.4
1,008.00	FS Cons	856	+66	...	5.8	10.8
12.00	FS Dev	54	+8	...	...	...
1,256.80	GFSA	1344	+88	...	2.9	23.2
2,091.70	Gencor	152	-5	...	5.8	12.5
235.10	GM Kalgoorli	47	+5	...	2.8	19.2
11.90	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	+½	...	...	...
14.40	Grootvlei	126	+9	...	8.0	7.8
82.90	Harmony	308	-15	...	...	...
388.60	Hartes	347	+15	...	5.5	13.8
32.00	Inoco▲	15½	...	...	...	...
447.20	Impala Plat	719	-10	...	3.9	24.7
8.51	Kenmare Res▲	8½	-½	...	...	...
163.60	Kinross	909	+46	...	5.4	10.5
1,007.60	Kloof	727	+7	...	2.9	10.2
16.20	Leslie	101	+2	...	4.0	10.7
32.40	Loraine	198	+16	...	...	...
130.70	Lydenburg	825	+75	...	2.4	∞
1,266.60	MIM	90½	+2	...	2.5	43.9
2,146.30	Minorco	1253	+12	...	3.1	∞
862.50	Nth Brkn Hill	135½	+6½	...	3.5	22.3
472.80	Orange Free	2100	+134½	...	6.1	17.0
7,015.80	RTZ	660	-31	...	4.0	18.3
86.70	Rand Mines	581½	+6½	...	10.5	2.8
374.10	Randfontein	612	+30	...	4.6	9.2
322.10	Renison	162	+17	...	2.7	16.8
1,315.90	Rustnbrg	1050	+3½	...	3.1	∞
54.10	St Helena	562	+49	...	4.3	12.0
453.40	Southvaal	1744	+99	...	3.2	31.8
9.01	Sthfontein	69	-6	...	9.1	12.4
33.00	Unisel	118	-4	...	2.6	12.0
6,730.00	Vaal Reefs	3650	+600	...	3.8	10.2
195.80	Welkom	554	+41	...	5.9	17.4
169.30	Western Areas	420	+10	...	1.1	13.4
630.50	Western Deep	2275	+325	...	2.7	11.0
2,298.10	Wstrn Mining	239½	+18½	...	2.0	∞
108.80	Winkels	893	+30	...	1.5	7.7
83.30	Zambia Copper	68	-4	...	...	...
76.80	Zandpan	59	+8	...	5.1	20.0

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.76	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
11.10	Airflow Stream	130	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
79.70	Appleyard	130 †	...	...	5.0	...
14.40	Blenckly Mtr	315	-3	...	3.5	16.0
30.10	Bostrom	191	-1	6.0	4.0	33.3
1,595.20	Br Aerospace	422	+18	7.0	2.1	...
51.80	Burndene	46	...	...	3.2	12.2
12.50	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
19.40	Caverdale	13½	...	...	...	...
17.90	Central Mtr▲	134	...	...	3.7	34.1
10.70	Cook (DC)▲	25	-1	...	3.0	14.2
343.40	Cowie (T)	243	-8	6.2	3.2	18.5
24.90	Dag Motors	138 †	-1	5.7	5.2	24.9
30.10	Davnprt Vern	154	-1	...	3.3	19.5
32.10	ERF	328	+10	3.0	0.6	...
51.00	European Mtr	136	-1	...	3.2	19.1
87.00	Evans Halshaw	403	+2	11.8	3.5	62.1
169.40	FR Group	225	-24	...	4.0	10.4
18,695.10	Ford Motor	3800 †	+131½	...	...	...
20,895.70	General Mtr	2956½	+68½	...	1.8	...
5.28	Gowrings	58	-2	2.0	4.3	...
91.40	Henlys	229	...	3.0	1.6	...
9,639.00	Honda Motor	990	+9	...	0.9	...
2.71	Jacks (Wm)	25	...	...	...	...
8.74	Jessups	99	...	4.5	5.7	...
273.50	Kwik-Fit	159	...	...	2.6	22.5
356.10	Lex Service	378	-14	...	3.5	20.7
28.40	Lookers	148	-1	6.2	5.2	...
1,233.50	Lucas	174	+19	...	5.2	...
20.90	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
100.30	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.4
42.70	Perry Gp	170	-3	...	5.2	...
39.00	Quicks Group	170	-2	...	3.3	21.7
1,848.30	Rolls-Royce	151½	-7	...	4.1	...
822.40	T & N	178	-9	...	7.6	25.3
119.20	Trinity Hldgs	232	-3	...	3.0	21.5
80.00	Vardy (Reg)	175	...	...	3.0	24.5
211.30	Westland	222	-1	4.2	2.4	19.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28.30	Adscene	101	...	5.0	3.3	19.6
5.52	Black (A&C)	358	...	13.5	4.8	14.5
298.10	Blenheim Gp	323	+1	...	3.5	11.9
56.90	Bristol	349	...	...	4.2	31.5
465.00	Daily Mail	9300	-200	13.0	1.7	20.9
462.50	Daily Mail 'A'	9250	-175	13.0	1.8	20.8
146.00	Dorling Kind	318	+13	3.3	1.3	...
586.40	EMAP	338	-12	...	2.9	20.8
228.10	Euromoney Pb	1133	+10	29.5	3.3	25.5
21.00	Harrington K	230 †	-7	4.5	2.6	18.0
48.90	Haynes Publ	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
123.90	Hodder H'line	350 †	...	4.5	1.6	30.5
12.00	Home Counts	120	-7	6.0	...	...
55.70	Intl Bus Comm	143	-6	...	...	20.7
8.96	Intl Cm & Data▲	13	-½	...	...	...
294.10	Independent	375	...	...	3.1	30.3
177.10	Johnston Press	575 †	...	6.2	1.4	24.9
31.50	Metal Bulletin	321	+1	8.0	3.1	22.7
629.30	Mirror Gp	157	-12	...	...	...
9,278.90	News Corp	508	+46	...	0.3	...
2,009.70	News Intl	291	+24	...	0.6	17.9
2,981.10	Pearson	544	+17	...	2.8	21.6
74.40	Portsmth Sund	630	+2	...	1.9	17.1
4,168.20	Reed Intl	743	+6	...	2.9	32.4
22.90	Southnews	151	+1	...	1.7	27.0
64.10	Sterling Pub▲	165	...	...	2.3	18.2
516.00	Telegraph	385	-2	...	3.6	16.2
4,413.20	Thomson Corp	775	+40	...	2.0	38.7
257.70	Trinity Intl	374	-17	8.7	2.9	22.4
1.82	Link Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
1,306.80	Utd Nwspprs	536 †	+13	...	5.0	14.9

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
94.00	Aran Energy	33½	...	...	...	32.6
24.40	Arcon Intl▲	42	...	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	61	+½	...	...	...
32.10	Aviva Pet	70	+1	...	...	...
4.00	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
90.90	Br Borneo	202	+5	7.1	4.4	6.1
14,592.00	British Gas	336	+2½	14.2	5.4	15.9
17,787.70	Br Petroleum	326½	+3½	8.4	3.2	25.6
8.53	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
1,440.20	Burmah Castrl	762	-8	...	...	...
40.80	Cairn Energy	63	-3	...	4.1	17.8
409.00	Calor Gp	279	-4	...	...	9.0
205.70	Clyde Pet	51½	-1	...	5.5	14.9
36.50	Copley Res	36	...	...	...	...
2.93	Edin Oil & Gs▲	17½	...	...	...	...
2,327.90	Enterprise	487	-21	16.0	4.1	26.8
41.30	Exp Co Louis	39	-1	...	...	...
56.90	Fairhaven Intl	23½	...	...	2.3	8.4
45.00	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
85.20	Goal Pet	63½	-½	1.4	2.8	12.1
38.00	Gt Western Res	42	-½	...	...	...
193.10	Hardy O & G	171	-3	...	0.7	15.9
60.90	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
1,057.40	LASMO	141	+1	...	2.9	28.6
9.17	-do- Units	73 †	...	9.4	16.2	...
12.50	Mid Scot Res▲	6	-¼	...	...	...
347.10	Monument	52½	-1	...	...	...
5.42	New London	4½	-¼	...	...	...
14.10	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
104.10	Oil Search	34	+1	...	...	...
	Petrox	17	-1½	...	...	...
68.10	Pict Pet	132	-1	...	...	∞
117.40	Premier	21½	-¼	...	...	7.9
28.60	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
354.50	Ranger	360	-5	...	4.5	...
37,056.10	Royal Dtch Pl	6912½	+125	...	4.5	17.2
10,140.80	Schlumberger	4187½	-103½	...	1.9	...
35.80	Seafield	54	+2	...	...	...
22,840.30	Shell	689	+5	21.9	4.0	21.2
5.15	Sunrise Eng SV	176	+3	...	...	...
15.70	Triton Europe	19	-3	...	...	...
14.60	Villiers Grp	14½	...	...	...	...
1,183.30	Woodside	177½	+4½	...	2.0	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.90	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
70.30	API	330	+1	7.5	2.8	28.7
1,768.00	Arjo Wiggins	218	-11	...	3.7	35.2
81.40	Abbott Mead	543	...	9.3	2.2	28.3
62.90	Aegis Gp	37	+½	...	...	...
16.70	Aspen Com▲	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
1.06	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
98.80	Bemrose	392 †	+3	...	3.7	17.1
3.76	Birkdale	9½	-1½	...	...	...
651.70	Bunzl	154 †	+4	4.0	3.2	23.2
40.10	CIA Gp	343	...	...	1.6	21.7
47.90	Capital Inds	179 †	-1	...	2.2	17.1
5.87	City of Lon▲	76	...	...	6.3	14.0
19.80	Cropper (James)	346	...	3.1	1.6	23.8
3.66	Crown Com▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
7.46	Delyn Pckaging	88	-2	1.6	2.4	11.8
28.30	Dolphin Pack	120 †	+3	4.5	4.2	29.6
8.04	Dudley Jenkins▲	70	...	...	3.5	15.9
24.20	Elswick	11½	-¼	...	3.2	13.1
20.50	Fairway Group▲	66	...	3.1	6.0	19.5
106.30	Ferguson Ind	334	-9	...	4.8	14.7
14.20	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
32.70	Flotax▲	146	+2	...	1.1	18.9
4.98	Fitch	14	...	...	...	...
11.00	Gibbon Lyons▲	122	+1	...	5.1	13.8
57.60	Gold Greenless	219	-6	8.3	4.7	15.6
3.29	Goodhead	22	...	0.5	2.8	...
22.60	Hunterprint	39	...	...	...	...
9.22	Intereurope	172 †	+7	7.8	5.7	∞
85.50	Jarvis Porter	269	+7	...	2.2	28.1
13.80	Lopex	26	...	...	...	...
12.80	MMT	30½	...	...	...	...
107.60	More O'Ferrall	333 †	+1	13.2	5.0	39.4
48.60	NMC Group	122	-1	2.0	2.0	18.8
10.40	Osborne & Little	172	+1	...	3.3	18.9
321.70	Portals	498	+9	...	3.7	17.8
7.95	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
59.60	Quarto	283 †	-2	...	2.4	17.4
293.70	St Ives Gp	297	-5	5.5	2.3	∞
382.60	Saatchi	174	+12	...	...	...
590.10	Sappi	393	+63	...	8.3	7.5
7.30	Serif▲	29½	-½	...	...	...
15.30	Shandwick	18½	-2½	...	...	...
531.80	Smith David	344	-5	...	3.6	18.0
1,049.60	Smurfit (Jeff)	215	-12	...	2.0	5.1
1.36	Somic	68	...	1.5	2.8	27.9
46.70	Stat-Plus	217	-3	8.0	4.6	19.4
59.60	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.8
5.85	VTR▲	80	+6	...	5.3	22.8
506.10	WPP	98 †	-3	...	1.3	3.7
133.00	Wace	178	...	...	...	...
208.20	Waddington (J)	259	+4	...	3.8	19.4
261.40	Watmough	785	+24	11.5	1.8	30.8
5.81	Westport▲	5	...	...	...	...
1.29	Whinney Mck▲	18	+2	...	...	...
13.80	Wood (SW)	78	...	...	2.0	16.7

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
78.60	Allied Lon	113	+4½	...	4.0	28.6
5.31	Arcadian	60	-2	...	...	...
20.30	Ascot Hldgs	5½	...	...	...	...
100.50	Asda	128 †	+13	...	2.1	13.5
62.10	Avonside	143	...	4.0	3.5	20.0
6,776.80	BCE▲	2212½	+62½	...	...	...
285.40	Bilton	650	...	18.9	3.7	23.3
7.57	Bourne End	88	+3	1.0	1.4	...
311.80	Bradford	217	-1	5.4	3.1	22.0
6.06	Bredero	16½	...	...	...	...
1,265.90	Br Land	421	+8	...	2.1	38.4
549.10	Brixton	237 †	+5	...	4.4	18.8
152.40	Burford	82	+3	...	1.8	...
55.10	Cap & Regnl▲	184½	...	...	0.7	...
5.83	Cardiff Prop	225	+10	2.4	1.3	...
100.00	Chesterfield	536	+19	11.0	2.6	38.5
5.86	City Site Ests	38	...	...	...	...
5.15	Clarke Nickolls	25	...	...	...	...
28.10	Conrad Ritblt GS	47	...	...	...	...
207.80	Daejan	1275	+2	...	2.6	15.7
4.20	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
51.60	Debenham Twsn	118	+10	...	3.2	23.0
3.78	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
30.90	Dencora	173	+16	3.0	2.2	...
69.60	Derwent Hldgs	598	+20	8.6	1.8	74.1
43.90	Development Sec	37½	-3½	...	...	...
6.80	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
16.80	Estates Agency	280	-5	3.0	...	25.6
4.49	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
137.90	Evans Of Leeds	208	-1	...	2.7	18.4
33.10	Five Oaks	34	+1	...	...	...
5.29	Fletcher King	63	...	1.0	2.0	41.7
237.40	Frogmore	472 †	+17	...	4.2	22.8
38.20	Grainger	192	+2	3.2	3.4	42.9
689.90	Gr Portland	226	-2	...	4.4	21.6
27.20	Greycoat	31	+6	...	...	...
4,352.40	HK Land	162	+10	...	3.9	21.3
246.70	Hambro Cntyw	75	-4	0.5	0.8	...
212.30	Hammerson	399 †	+1	10.0	3.1	40.4
711.50	-do- 'A'	370 †	+1	10.0	3.4	37.4
41.40	Helical Bar	255 †	+3	...	2.4	9.2
34.10	Hemingway	36	+1	...	...	...
9.28	Herring Baker	58 †	...	3.7	...	14.6
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
3,602.70	Land Sec	712	+9	22.8	4.0	21.5
255.10	Lon Merch Sec	105	+6	4.0	4.8	16.3
1.71	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
2,010.90	MEPC	518	+8	...	4.8	22.3
4.51	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
38.10	McKay Secs	140	...	3.5	3.1	19.2
6.41	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	...	...
7.61	Merivale Mre	55	+1	...	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
5.06	Moorfield Est	46	+6	...	...	...
57.50	Mountview	1175	...	20.0	2.1	11.7
161.00	Muckow (A&J)	166	+1	...	4.7	28.2
6.15	Olives Prop	36	+1	1.5	5.2	...
4.55	Ossory Est	5	-¼	0.1	...	1.5
204.10	PSIT	168	...	4.1	3.1	33.3
271.30	Peel	340	+12	4.0	1.5	...
6.40	Power Corp	5½	...	...	...	...
7.21	Property Trust	38	...	...	...	10.8
15.60	Raglan	50	-1	...	...	...
24.60	Regalian	21	-¼	...	...	...
16.90	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
56.00	St Modwen Prp	48	...	0.6	1.6	36.6
27.40	Savills	74	...	...	1.7	29.3
106.80	Scot Met	110	+10	...	...	...
49.60	Shaftesbury	102	+3	1.5	...	...
1.11	Shield	11½	...	...	...	...
1,015.30	Slough Estates	264	...	...	...	6.0
77.10	Southend Prop	83	-5	...	3.8	18.5
63.10	Stanhope Prps▲	38	...	...	3.6	...
98.40	Tops Ests	214	+2	...	...	...
137.80	Town Centre	136	+8	2.1	1.2	76.3
52.20	Trafford Park	77 †	+7	3.4	3.2	∞
1.47	UK Land	34	...	...	4.5	17.7
15.50	Union Square	8	-5	...	...	...
121.50	Warner	250	...	10.5	5.3	22.8
82.90	Warnford	216	-2	7.5	4.3	15.8
2.51	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
131.20	Wates	85	+6	0.7	...	...
5.99	Wood John D▲	73	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.74	Automagic▲	13	-1	...	...	...
60.60	Headlam	178	-2	...	1.8	40.2
20.20	Lambert	335	...	13.0	4.9	8.2
12.10	Pittards	56	...	2.0	...	16.0
42.60	Strong & Fisher	25	-1	1.0	5.0	7.0
34.80	Stylo	182	-2	...	2.1	69.6
24.60	UK Safety	64	-1	...	5.2	2.1

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
143.60	Allied Text	502	-12	12.6	3.1	16.1
7.45	Beckman (A)	61	...	3.5	7.6	∞
3.67	Bolton Gp	39	-2	...	...	10.8
21.80	Br Mohair	164	+1	8.5	6.5	15.4
2.37	Chartwell▲	38	...	...	...	...
139.80	Claremont Ga	347	+2	7.2	2.6	21.7
534.30	Courtauld Text	529	-12	13.6	3.2	14.5
5.20	Cupid▲	29	-1	...	...	...
301.50	Dawson	193	...	...	5.8	14.7
6.50	Drummond	40	-7	...	...	...
9.58	Faupel▲	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
2.17	Foster (John)	19	-1	...	...	...
5.47	Gaskell	123	...	...	...	...
36.30	Hicking Pntcst	220	...	4.2	4.3	...
6.03	Jerome (S)	80	-6	...	2.3	17.1
117.00	Lamont	390	+6	12.0	3.9	25.6
94.80	Leeds	499	...	...	1.8	26.1
9.71	Lister	59	-3	0.1	0.2	...
6.10	Lyles (S)	84 †	+4	3.3	4.9	∞
50.50	Magellan	198	...	1.4	0.9	...
9.63	Parkland 'A'	168	...	2.0	1.5	...
188.60	Readicut	98	+¼	...	4.4	18.5
2.21	SEET	55	+1	...	...	...
74.40	Sirdar	139	-8	...	4.9	6.3
60.80	Stirling Gp	70	+2	1.8	3.3	17.1
30.20	Stoddard	43	-4	...	4.4	40.0
18.60	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
9.52	West Trust	38	-1	2.5	8.2	∞
17.60	Yorklyde	179	+1	...	3.6	11.7

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,959.10	BAT	486	+30	...	4.8	14.6
3,739.30	Rothmans 'B'	613	-21	11.5	2.3	12.2

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
901.40	Assoc Br Ports	481	-1	...	2.2	...
4,498.20	BAA	882	+5	...	2.3	21.9
3,624.30	Br Airways	381½	+6	...	3.5	21.0
21.20	Clarkson (H)	97	-3	1.5	2.0	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,254.90	Eurotunnel Uts	470	-24	...	...	...
19.70	Fisher (James)	80	...	1.0	1.6	21.5
30.90	IoM Steam	206	-1	...	4.9	10.5
8.29	Jacobs (JI)	36	...	0.5	1.7	...
15.00	Lon O'Seas Frts	99	+8	...	1.3	18.1
249.40	Mersey Docks	415	...	9.0	2.0	26.6
96.60	Natl Express	244	...	...	3.6	23.2
1,501.30	NFC	271 †	-3	6.5	3.0	20.0
517.80	Ocean Group	336	+8	...	5.3	...
34.60	Ocean Wilson	62	-1	4.0	8.1	11.2
3,333.00	P & O Dfd	592	...	...	6.4	32.1
126.60	P & O 5 1/2%	190	+12	...	3.6	...
376.30	Powell Duffryn	571	-7	...	4.9	22.1
19.50	Seacon▲	200	...	...	3.2	12.0
193.80	Stagecoach	160	...	...	3.0	∞
384.40	TNT	68	+6½	...	...	...
307.90	Tibbet & Britn	703 †	+5	11.8	2.1	27.0
142.80	Tiphook	120	+6	...	18.7	...
380.60	TDG	260	+4	...	4.6	8.6

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,648.70	Anglian Water	557	+17	...	4.7	11.3
59.30	Mid Kent Hldgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.6
457.00	Northumbrian	675	+20	...	4.2	6.9
2,073.90	North West	556	+25	...	4.8	9.4
2,046.30	Severn Trent	570	+19	...	4.6	9.1
1,004.60	Sthrn Water	603	+35	...	4.4	10.0
85.40	Sth Staffs	1525	...	47.0	3.9	10.9
751.80	South West	600	+19	...	4.9	9.8
2,269.70	Thames Water	579	+24	...	4.5	11.3
943.70	Welsh Water	654	+19	...	6.5	8.6
648.60	Wessex Water	678	+27	...	4.0	10.2
1,174.20	Yorkshire W	588	+24	...	4.5	10.0

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ∫ Ex rights issue; ¶ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,065	Treas 13¼% 1993	100¼	[illegible]	13.65	5.84
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	100¾	...	8.43	5.40
330	Treas 14½% 1994	103¼	[illegible]	14.03	5.36
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	104 [illegible] †	[illegible]	12.95	5.33
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	102¾	...	9.72	5.41
1,240	Exch 12¼% 1994	105 [illegible]	[illegible]	11.81	5.38
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103¾ †	[illegible]	8.67	5.34
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	107 [illegible]	[illegible]	11.12	5.35
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97¼ †	...	3.07	4.58
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107 [illegible]	[illegible]	9.51	5.47
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113 [illegible]	[illegible]	11.20	5.58
770	Treas 14% 1996	117 [illegible]	[illegible]	11.94	5.68
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	122 [illegible] †	[illegible]	12.48	5.77
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	117 [illegible]	[illegible]	11.26	5.78
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111¼ †	[illegible]	8.98	5.88
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	120 [illegible]	[illegible]	10.96	6.06
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113 [illegible]	[illegible]	9.27	6.01
3,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	109 [illegible]	[illegible]	8.02	6.05
830	Exch 15% 1997	130 [illegible]	[illegible]	11.50	6.30
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	112 [illegible]	[illegible]	8.65	6.25
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	104 [illegible]	[illegible]	6.96	6.15
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101 [illegible]	[illegible]	6.66	5.77
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	128 [illegible]	[illegible]	10.87	6.60

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137 [illegible]	[illegible]	11.25	6.45
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	123 [illegible] †	[illegible]	9.73	6.54
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	113 [illegible]	[illegible]	8.39	6.44
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	125 [illegible]	[illegible]	9.78	6.62
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	118 [illegible] †	[illegible]	8.88	6.55
1,298	Conv 10¼% 1999	117 [illegible]	[illegible]	8.69	6.58
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	112 [illegible]	[illegible]	7.99	6.53
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	132 [illegible]	[illegible]	9.80	6.83
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	118 [illegible]	[illegible]	8.46	6.79
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	118 [illegible]	[illegible]	8.22	6.90
4,350	Treas 8% 2003	108 [illegible]	[illegible]	7.39	6.80
2,500	Treas 10% 2003	121 [illegible]	[illegible]	8.24	6.96
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125 [illegible]	[illegible]	9.18	7.07
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80 [illegible]	[illegible]	4.33	5.98
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	118¾ †	[illegible]	8.00	7.02
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	119 [illegible] †	[illegible]	7.98	7.05
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136¾ †	[illegible]	9.13	7.28
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	106¼	[illegible]	7.53	7.06
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129 [illegible]	[illegible]	9.04	7.21
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	111 [illegible]	[illegible]	7.60	7.13
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144 [illegible]		9.31	7.27

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	116 [illegible]	[illegible]	7.71	7.16
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	107 [illegible]	[illegible]	7.42	7.19
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	117¾	[illegible]	7.64	7.20
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	118 [illegible]	[illegible]	7.60	7.20
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86 [illegible]	[illegible]	6.34	6.75
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106¾	[illegible]	7.25	7.11
4,350	Treas 8% 2013	108 [illegible]	[illegible]	7.37	7.18
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	148 [illegible]	[illegible]	8.08	7.34
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	117¾	[illegible]	7.43	7.18

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	48¾	[illegible]	7.22	...
475	Treas 2½%	33 [illegible]	[illegible]	7.41	...

INDEX-LINKED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	135 [illegible]	[illegible]	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	[illegible]	1.23	2.19
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111 [illegible] †	[illegible]	1.75	2.43
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	170¾	[illegible]	2.58	2.97
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	167¾ †	[illegible]	2.72	3.09
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114 [illegible] †	[illegible]	2.78	3.06
1,590	Treas IL 2% 2006	177 [illegible]	[illegible]	2.75	3.00
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	161¾ †	[illegible]	2.91	3.12
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	168 [illegible]	[illegible]	2.93	3.13
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139 [illegible]	[illegible]	2.97	3.15
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150¾	[illegible]	3.00	3.17
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145 [illegible]	[illegible]	3.04	3.18
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122 [illegible]	[illegible]	3.03	3.16

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QVC to get $500m boost in battle for Paramount

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

QVC NETWORK, Barry Diller's home shopping television company, is set to snatch back the takeover spotlight today in the current multi-billion dollar shakeout among American phone, cable television and film companies.

Cox Enterprises, the American cable company that is among the largest cable operators in the UK, is expected to back his hostile bid for Paramount Communications with a $500 million investment. Mr Diller also expects to start serious talks this week with the Paramount board, which has rebuffed his advances so far.

QVC's $10 billion cash and shares offer for the Hollywood studio became a sideshow last week, dwarfed by the near $23 billion takeover offer for Tele-Communications Inc (TCI), America's biggest cable television company, by Bell Atlantic, among the largest of the regional US phone giants.

The move highlighted the restructuring about to take place in three major communications industries in the wake of advancing technology that allows film and television programmes to be transmitted through telephone lines. The changes allow regional phone companies to become entertainment sources, threaten television cable companies that fail to recognise that as competition, and send the premiums of those able to produce entertainment programmes, through the roof. The final price for Paramount could climb to $12 billion.

The new market comes as a blessing for the seven phone companies formed from AT&T in 1984 to dilute its monopolistic power. They are cash-rich, operating in saturated markets and feeling the draught of local competition. Last year, the seven generated a total of $33 billion worth of cash.

Three of the largest — Ameritech, BellSouth and Pacific Telesis — have still not identified a partner, although BellSouth is believed to be talking to QVC. Investors stampeded into telephone, cable and entertainment shares last week, placing bets on who would be the next billion dollar line-up.

Sony, which owns Columbia and Tri-Star film studios said combining cable, phone and entertainment companies would be attractive to it and it would be looking at options.

The revolution began last month when Viacom, the cable television producer which owns MTV, agreed a friendly $7.5 billion takeover with Paramount. Seven major bids and deals in the industry followed within four weeks. Two backers put in $500 million each for QVC to launch its Paramount counter-bid and banks, including Barclays, added $3 billion of loans.

Blockbuster Entertainment chipped in $600 million to support Viacom, which also gained a $1.2 billion investment from Nynex, the New York area phone company.

Then, TCI, whose chief executive, John Malone, was thought to be backing Mr Diller, suddenly launched a $3.4 billion bid to mop up Liberty Media, the TV programme maker that owns a 22 per cent stake in QVC and is one of the two groups putting up $500 million.

Bell Atlantic then bid almost $23 billion for TCI, a deal expected to be completed once the Liberty one has gone through. Meanwhile, Mr Malone is believed to have been talking to Sony and Matsushita, the Japanese electronics giant that owns MCA and Universal Studios.

The new masters of the television screen have still to convince the US regulators, and Bell must also satisfy Congress and the Federal Trade Commission that the merger will not stifle competition.

The Justice Department said on Friday that it would appeal against an August ruling that would allow regional phone companies to provide cable service in the same areas that they offer phone services. A successful bid for Paramount will also need government approval.

Mr Diller's deal with Cox will bring his war chest to $4.5 billion. The cash element of his current bid will cost him about $3.5 billion.

The next move is due to come from Viacom and Sumner Redstone, its chairman, whose bid is $2 billion behind and would have to be sweetened for him to remain a player.



Tring, the publisher and distributor of budget priced compact discs and audio cassettes, hopes to make its stock market debut before Christmas, with a value of more than £45 million. Tring, founded in 1990 by Mark Frey, left, and Philip Robinson, joint chief executives, has a catalogue of more than 800 titles ranging from classical music to 1970s pop hits. Its titles are sold in 56 countries through newsagents, petrol stations, supermarkets and record stores. Alan Wheatley, former chairman of 3i, is to become group chairman. Tring reported pre-tax profits of £3.3 million on sales of £16.6 million for the year to end-March, and will forecast a substantial increase.

Chambers argue case against spread of VAT

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

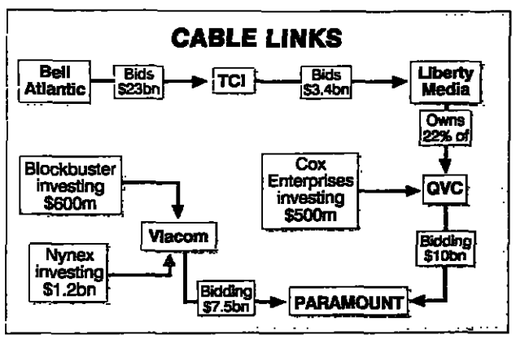
THE government should not apply value-added tax to products that are presently zero-rated, Britain's chambers of commerce have told Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

Leaders of the British Chambers of Commerce will meet ministers and Treasury officials tomorrow to press their case for his Budget next month to provide long-term economic growth and moves to help create wealth and jobs.

In their Budget submission to the Treasury, the chambers emphasise that cuts in public spending should be made the priority in reducing the PSBR, rather than rises in taxation. But if tax increases are needed, the BCC says, direct rather than indirect taxes ought to be raised to maintain consumer demand in the recovery.

The chambers suggest freezing mortgage tax relief and personal allowances at their present levels.

In order to promote growth, the BCC says that the loan guarantee scheme should be restructured to provide the best possible financial assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises.



BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Friends Provident to launch ethical trust

FRIENDS Provident, the life company, has chosen ethical investment as the market for its first investment trust. The company, which manages several ethical funds, says the move is in response to demand from investors concerned about the nature of the companies in which they invest.

Friends Provident Ethical Investment Trust will be the first quoted trust on the UK market with ethical screening used as criteria for choosing stocks in which to invest. It follows the successful launch, nine years ago, of the Stewardship Managed Pension Fund, the first ethical fund in the UK. The new trust, which will be launched in about two months' time, will have a split capital structure and Friends hope to raise at least £30 million from subscribers. Stockbrokers to the issue will be Greig Middleton.

News Corp expansion

PLANS by The News Corporation, which owns *The Times*, to issue "super" shares to preserve voting rights would enable the media group to raise up to A$5 billion (£2.2 billion) by placing ordinary shares. Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive, said in an Australian interview.

He said News Corp did not need money, but could place up to 20 per cent of new equity. Mr Murdoch also foreshadowed a satellite challenge to the US cable TV monopoly, using American telephone companies' cash resources.

Oman opens market

OMAN is opening up its market to foreign investors with a company that for the first time will allow non-Omanis to own shares. The Oman and Emirates Joint Investment Co will invest in agriculture, industry, commerce, minerals and tourism. The holding company was set up in May, with initial capital of 30 million riyals (£51.6 million). Investors have been offered up to 40 per cent of the shares at one riyal each. The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority controls 30 per cent and Omani institutions another 30 per cent. Tempus, page 38

Rates benefit forecast

BUSINESSES in the City could benefit from a cut of more than 50 per cent in their 1995 rates liability when the new rating list comes into force. Jones Lang Wootton, the surveyor, says firms in the South East will benefit most from the April 1993 valuation, which affects bills for 1995-6. City office bills could fall from £25 per sq ft to £12, although other measures could cut the benefit. Midlands firms will see bills rise between 1994-5 and 1995-6 by up to 75 per cent. Tempus, page 38

Baris passes payout

BARIS Holdings, the fire protection and insulation contractor, has again passed the interim dividend in spite of a return to profitability at the half-way stage. In the six months to end-August, it made a pre-tax profit of £9,000 against a loss of £70,000 last time on sales down to £8.14 million (£11.29 million). The directors said they were not paying an interim dividend because of the uncertainty of the UK construction market and generally depressed trading conditions.

Analysts look to SB for healthier profits

ANALYSTS are hoping that **SmithKline Beecham**, the Anglo-American pharmaceuticals and healthcare group chaired by Bob Bauman, will provide evidence of a slow, but steady, improvement when it reports third-quarter figures tomorrow.

Andrew Porter, at UBS, expects SmithKline to lift third-quarter pre-tax profits by about 9 per cent to £290 million (£267 million). Mr Porter's forecast includes a £5 million exceptional gain. Market forecasts range from £285 million to £295 million. UBS has pencilled in earnings up by 7 per cent to 7.17p (6.7p). Growth at the group's pharmaceutical division will have been depressed by a slowdown in sales of Engerix-B, the hepatitis B vaccine.

With European sales remaining weak, due to health care reforms in Germany and Italy, analysts expect underlying drug sales growth of 5-7 per cent in the three months to September. New products, such as Seroxat, the anti-depressant known as Paxil in America, Kytril, the anti-emetic, and Havrix, the hepatitis A vaccine, should show above-average growth as they move into new markets. Consumer sales are likely to remain under pressure as a result of the economic slowdown in Continental Europe.

TODAY

The effects of the recession in Europe are likely to have been felt by **Waste Management International**, the European arm of America's Waste Management Inc. Third-quarter pre-tax profits are expected to edge to £41.8 million (£40.1 million), according to Philip Morrish of Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from £40 million to £42 million.

Interims: Abtrust New Thai Inv Tst, Anagen, Farnell Elec, Venturi Inv Tst. **Finals:** Ewart, Five Oaks Inv, London & Strathclyde, Lowland Inv Co, Waste Management Intnl (Q3), MY Hldgs.

Economic statistics: Public sector borrowing requirement (September).

TOMORROW

Analysts expect a buoyant consumer toiletries market to help **Paterson Zochonis**, the Cussons group, report final pre-tax profits ahead to between £27 million and £29 million (£26.6 million).

Interims: Henry Boot & Sons, AF Bulgin Company, Edinburgh Inv Tst, Gartmore American Securities (Q2), Govett Oriental Inv Tst, S Jerome & Sons (Holdings), H J Joel Gold Mining (Q), Randfontein Estates Gold (Q), Western Areas Gold Mining (Q). **Finals:** IMC Industries, McKechnie, Paterson Zochonis, SmithKline Beecham (Q3), Wolseley.

Economic statistics: CBI survey of distributive trades (September).

WEDNESDAY

With general sentiment in the aerospace sector subdued, analysts are cautious about **Smiths Industries**, the aerospace, medical products and industrial group. The team at NatWest Securities is looking for final pre-tax profits of £96 million (£102.2 million). Market forecasts range from £95 million to £105 million. Earnings are expected to dip to 21.7p (23.3p) a share, although an increased dividend of 11.8p (11.25p) is predicted.

Interims: Alexandra Workwear, Berry Birch & Noble, British & American Film, English National Inv, Fleming Euro Fledgeling, Forward Technology, Havelock Europe, Hoare Govett Small Co, Rit Capital Partners, St James's Place Capital, Save & Prosper Linked, Scottish American Inv (3ID), Tenneco (Q3), Wensum Co. **Finals:** Bracken Mines (D), Castle Communications, F Cooper, Kinross Mines (D), Leslie Gold Mines (D), Smiths Industries, Udo Holdings, Unisel Gold Mines (D), Whinney Mackay-Lewis, Winkelhaak Mines (D).

Economic statistics: Retail sales (September), major British banking groups' monthly statement (September), building societies' monthly figures (September), provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (September).

THURSDAY

Tough trading conditions in Europe are expected to take their toll on **Albert Fisher**, the food group. UBS has pencilled in a decline in full-year profits to £47 million (£52.1 million). A maintained dividend of 3.75p is predicted.

Interims: Airflow Streamline, Chesterfield Properties, Ferguson Intl Holdings, Fleming Continental European, London Atlantic Inv Tst, New Throgmorton Tst (1983), Ocean Wilsons Hldgs, Parkland Textile. **Finals:** Air London Intnl, Albert Fisher Group, Bullers, Contra-Cyclical Inv Tst, London Intl, Tweefontein United Colliery. **Economic statistics:** Balance of trade with countries outside the EC (September), engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (August), provisional figures for vehicle production (September).

FRIDAY

Interims: Gresham House, London American Growth, Nokia Corp, Value & Income Trust. **Finals:** Bridport-Gundry, Usborne. **Economic statistics:** Gross domestic product (Q3 - preliminary estimate).

PHILIP PANGALOS

REPORTING THIS WEEK

WORDWATCHING

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EUROCLYDON

(a) A stormy wind mentioned in the *Acts of the Apostles*, from the Greek *euron* (a wind) and *kludōn* (wave); *The Authorized Version*, 1611, *Acts xxvii, 14*: "There arose against it a tempestuous winde called Euroclydon."

DIGHEL

(b) Secret, obscure, dark and impenetrable, from the Old English *dīegel*, Old High German *tougal*, and numerous other Teutonic cognates: "Hij comen in one wode in one dale deope, dighel bi-halves."

WAYZGOOSE

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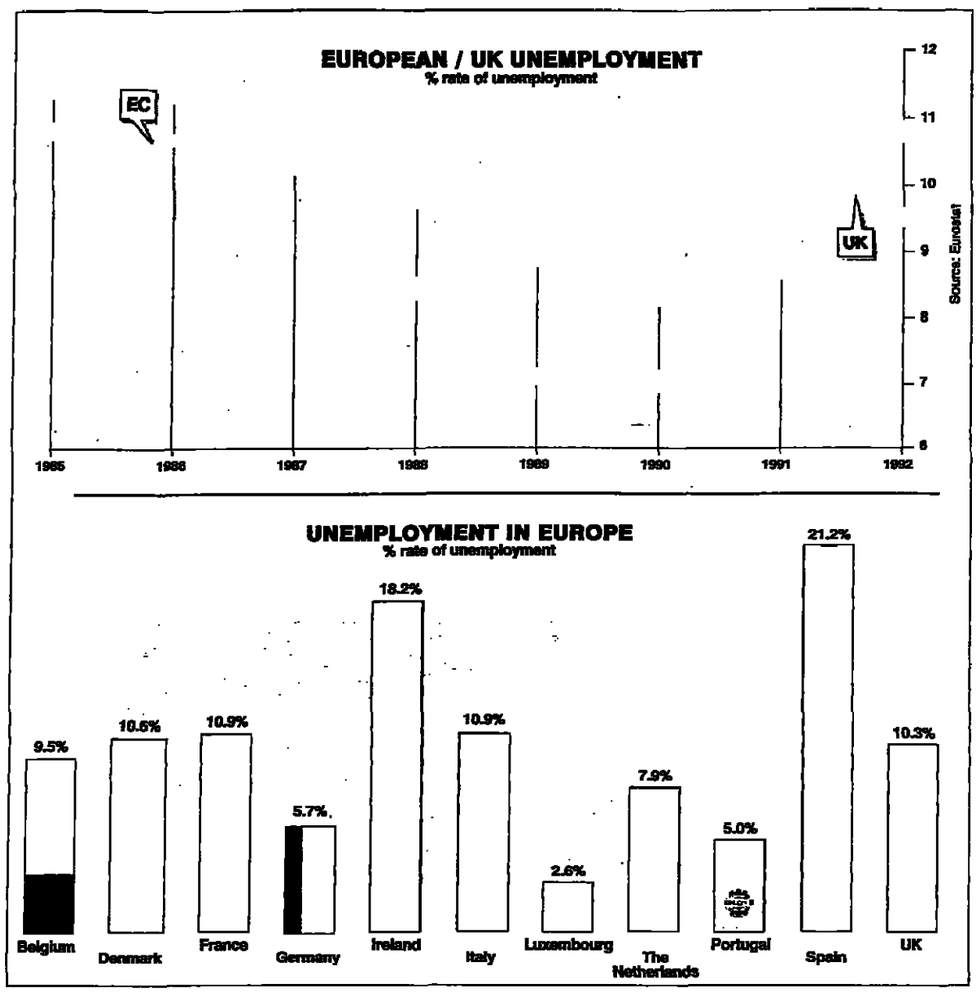
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Euro-laws on employment threaten to open old wounds

British business and Whitehall fear that the future development of EC social policy will cost rather than create jobs, Philip Bassett says



To the fury of British boardrooms and Whitehall, a tall Irishman will signal tomorrow morning the start of a new round of European social legislation — Euro-law which British business and the UK government insist will cost rather than create jobs.

Padraig Flynn, the European commissioner for social affairs, will use the opening in Brussels of a week-long conference on European employment — oddly for such a key issue, with 17 million out of work across Europe, the EC's first — to flag his green paper on the future direction of EC social policy, to be published in the next few weeks.

The original social action programme, first promulgated in the late 1980s by Jacques Delors, EC president, is virtually completed and Mr Flynn argues that the Community has come to a "turning point" in relation to M Delors' "social dimension".

While he sees his green paper as the vehicle for a wide-ranging debate on what is to come, it is clear that the commission views that debate as operating within firmly defined limits. "People often talk as though the only way to increase employment is to dismantle European social policy," Mr Flynn said — a clear reference to the declared preference of British business and the UK government for deregulation in the labour market. "People often confuse 'flexibility' with 'deregulation'. This is a fundamental error. Deregulation more often than not leads to a poorly functioning labour market. Real flexibility is possible only through the right kind of regulation."

Michael Forsyth, the employment minister, is unconvinced. "What the EC has signally failed to do over recent years is create jobs," he said. "Its record in comparison with other industrialised blocs has been lamentable."

He said the American economy had created 36 million jobs in the past 20 years, mostly in the private sector. Europe, by contrast, had created 8 million — 70 per cent in the public sector. With many more people entering the European labour market, he said, unemployment has become worse, so that now America's dole queues are less than two-thirds of those in Europe — a reversal of 20 years ago.

Howard Davies, CBI director-general, takes a more sophisticated approach. "There's no advantage to employers in an under-trained, under-involved and demotivated workforce," he said, accepting there is much the EC can and should do to help labour markets work well. But he calls for Mr Flynn's green paper to centre on a "prolonged self-denying ordinance" — a moratorium — on new Europe-wide regulatory employment law.

While such a move from the commission looks highly unlikely, the gap between the EC's and Britain's position may not be as wide as it seems or as it has been — in spite of the social protocol opt-out from the Maastricht treaty.

Europe-wide regulation will still be a force, still be the practical reality of new law with which British businesswill have to wrestle. But under the subtle Mr Flynn, it will be tempered with a new emphasis on different policy mixes for different EC member states, on that dread EC word "subsidiarity".

Mr Flynn insists that EC employment law is only a very small corpus, not an unbearable burden of legislation at Community level. While the EC objective remains clear — laying down minimum standards at European level on key aspects of labour market and health and safety policy — such common provisions will be "a core around which member states remain entirely free to operate their national systems".

Mr Flynn said: "I start from the premise that the more we can leave to the national or local level the better. Action at European level *helps*, but rarely *substitutes* for action at national and local level." Quite how he and the EC intend to strike such a balance remains to be seen, but it is a marked contrast to the stringently regulatory approach taken by Vasso Papandreou, his predecessor, in following what she took to be M Delors' blueprint.

Mr Flynn — a right-wing Irish Republic appointment, whose blended approach will cause people such as Mr Forsyth more difficulties than Ms Papandreou's head-down tactics ever did — can go so far as to say that business has a "crucial" role to play: "Business is the motor of our society," he said. "Business must be allowed to prosper and to create wealth. The aim of public policy must be to create a climate where this is possible." Music to Mr Davies's ears, no doubt. But Mr Flynn combines this with a clear warning: "Public policy must balance the wishes of business against wider issues of social justice and equity, without which society will cease to function." The alternative is, he said: "A downward spiral of decline."

To help strike that balance, the green paper will focus on key issues: a new look at full employment and the welfare state's role: an insistence that new technologies require investment in human as well as physical capital; maintaining social standards, while still playing a full part in an open and competitive economy, and shifting from passive to UK-style active labour market measures.

Much of this is in line with the influential policy initiatives proposed by Robert Reich, the American labour secretary, and some of it signals radical change — especially in tax and social security systems, which the EC now believes create a vicious circle of disincentives for individuals to work and companies to hire. This is a line highly reminiscent of the workfare-style proposals favoured in America, which the Clinton administration is expected to bring forward as a new national welfare plan in the new year.

Mr Flynn is determined, as far as possible, to include Britain in new social policy, in spite of John Major's Maastricht opt-out: his declared intent of bringing new European social proposals under the current EC legal basis, rather than the Maastricht social protocol, is an attempt to negate the opt-out, with the declared purpose of making sure that the writ of new Euro-law will still run in the UK.

Such a move will infuriate UK ministers, in part because it will help re-open the deep schisms in the Conservative party over Europe, which have been papered over, but not resolved, by the Maastricht bill, including opt-outs.

The EC's open intent to circumvent the UK opt-out will serve to underline the gap which, in spite of Mr Flynn's tempering of the regulatory approach, is still there between Britain and the EC over social policy — a gap emphasised by the absence of Britain from the line-up of Euro-employment ministers at this week's conference.

So British companies will still have to amend their practices to stay in line with new law from Brussels. It may be that the new approach that will flow from the green paper is more acceptable to business than the EC's line so far has been. Britain claims that all this means that the EC is moving its way over social policy, driven by ground-level changes from EC member states such as France, Spain, Italy, Germany and The Netherlands, all of which it says are easing back on centralised regulation of the labour market.

The real test for Mr Flynn is to come: how far the proposals he will talk about in Brussels tomorrow will genuinely help to scale down the European unemployment mountain; how far they will help those struggling in the new labour markets of Europe to enter them — to find any work at all.

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Chasing Tigers

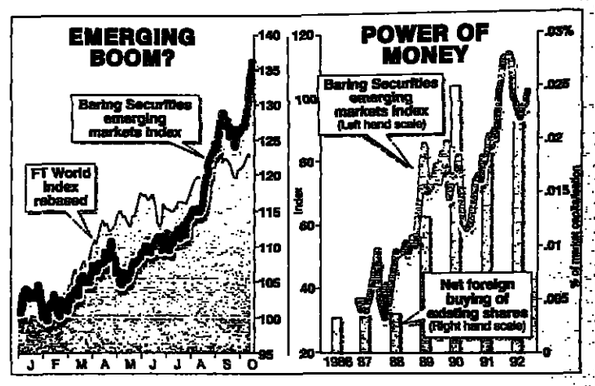
FUND managers who sell investments to the public aim to strike a balance between the two emotions that drive markets: greed and fear. Most funds attempt, rather unconvincingly, to marry the notion of growth and security, not a combination likely to set the adrenaline flowing. Any investor looking for a more gut-wrenching ride than can be obtained on the London or New York markets can go for emerging markets' funds, targeting South East Asia, India, Latin America or Turkey.

The appeal of these funds for the private investor has something of the quixotic desire to emulate a Victorian capitalist staking a venture in the Far East. But there are bigger players, large American and European institutions, that want to lock into the rapid growth of Latin America and South East Asia. It is estimated that one out of every three new investment dollars earmarked for equities found its way into emerging stock markets in 1992. American fund managers are keen to diversify and have been pouring money into markets on lower earnings multiples than their own, including London, but faster growth may be available elsewhere. Thailand's economy is likely to expand by 7 per cent this year and almost 8 per cent in 1994. Taiwan is likely to enjoy GDP growth of 7 per cent in 1994, while Malaysia is expecting a rise of over 8 per cent. These compare with forecast growth rates of 2.8 per cent in the UK and 2.5 per cent in the US.America Expansion needs to be financed and the emerging economies are sucking in cash from the rest of the world at the same time as the financial markets are being opened to foreign investment. Pension funds and insurance companies are looking for ever higher returns, leading to heavy capital flows into the emerging markets, similar to those seen in the latter half of the 19th century.

Investors need to catch an emerging market when it is about to enter a phase of rapid growth or when its stock market has not discounted the country's growth potential. Rather than looking at direct comparison between relative stock market multiples, Baring Securities prefers to measure potential growth in income per capita. Thus, India, China, Pakistan, Zimbabwe and Indonesia are long-term plays where industrialisation will yield the highest gains, if and when they catch up with front runners such as Taiwan.

Faster growth has obvious risks. Emerging markets pay little in dividends, and the effect of a large influx in foreign capital is to increase the volatility of stocks, which are often thinly traded. Furthermore, markets depend on liquidity to expand. Foreign capital has no loyalty and investors need to assume that short-term setbacks or political unrest will not send the dollars scurrying home to the security of blue chips and Treasury bills.

Much of the gamble on emerging markets is based on the assumption that time horizons are shortening. Britain took 58 years to double its per capita income from the initial stages of industrialisation in 1780. Recent growth rates in developing countries have been more rapid, with Chile doubling income per head in ten years from 1977, and the hope is that income gaps will narrow ever more quickly, though doubtless erratically, in the 1990s.



Hotels

THE distressed hotels sector could be set for an unexpected profits boost from lower rates. The burden of local taxation brought agony to hotel owners over the past three years because of the delayed effect of a 1988 rating valuation. The hotel market was then enjoying a boom, which valuers factored into their assessment. This resulted in increases of 20 per cent in 1990 rates bills and 30 per cent the following year.

According to research from Kleinwort Benson, all that is set to change as the poor trading achieved by hotels during the recession should be reflected in the 1993 rating assessment. Rates bills from 1995 to the year 2000 will be based on assessments that are as much as 50 per cent lower than the 1990 valuations.

More important are the prospects of winning appeals against rates assessments. Forte's problems in the 1990s may have been due in part to a massive increase in its rates bill, exacerbated by the purchase of Crest Hotels in May 1990. Forte was unable to benefit from transitional relief as a new occupier. Appeals against the Crest hotel rates bills are being followed by the 22 London establishments, and eventually the entire UK portfolio, which could result in the recovery of about £5 million this year and next year.

Increases in rates may have cost Ladbroke £10 million a year, but the group provided heavily for the extra burden and therefore will enjoy no benefit to its profits. Stakis should gain £750,000 in recovery from its rates bill while the distressed Queens Moat might gain £5 million from appeals.

Lower rates will be welcome but lower overheads need to be accompanied by growth in revenue before the sector shows strong recovery.

Mirror Group

SHARES in Mirror Group are returning to earth after reaching the heady heights of 180p last month. The peak in the price, three times the 60p of a year ago, coincided with the placing of a 54 per cent stake by the administrators of the Maxwell companies.

A new cost-cutting management and the settlement of legal disputes has generated enough good feeling to sell shares to investors at 15 times earnings for the year to December. The market is now paying attention to earnings and, more important, dividend prospects.

Newspapers are a mature market capable of high cash generation. Mirror Group produced £56 million cash from operations in the six months to June. Unfortunately for shareholders, it needs to service £350 million of borrowings and make payments to shore up a pension fund deficit for many years ahead — a liability that is likely to put a curb on its ability to provide shareholders with a growing dividend.

The management would argue that the shares should be bought for earnings growth, but price competition and the possible imposition of VAT on newspapers threaten to keep the lid on revenue in a market that is not showing much growth. If MGN is to keep the share price rising, it needs to add to its stable, and that requires more cash. Investors who enjoyed the MGN price rise may find future pace slow, unless the company issues tickets for a new ride.

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Risk of inflation likely to prove short-lived

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On the face of it, the backdrop to the gilt market appears to favour index-linked stocks over conventionals but, looking beyond mid-1994, there is little to choose between the two.

Fiscal policy measures aside, underlying pressures suggest a rate of inflation unlikely to stray far above the government's target range during 1994 and even likely to return to it in 1995. Last week's batch of economic data did little to ease fears that UK recovery will be pedestrian. So far, much of the impetus has come from the personal sector, which has been more than happy to cut excess savings in response to low interest.

However, this source of growth is likely to come under pressure over the next six months. The gap between wage gains and price inflation has already begun to narrow while prospects for employment are little better than flat. If the widely forecast increase in taxation materialises in the November Budget, there could be an outright decline in personal disposable incomes.

Other avenues of growth are providing little more encouragement. Investment spending is likely to suffer from the phasing out at the end of this month of the enhanced capital allowances introduced a year before. Exporters will still suffer from the poor state of the European economy. Overall, it hard to see the economy growing much above 2.5 per cent over the next year.

With such a modest rate of expansion, why should inflation push beyond the upper end of the government's 1-4 per cent target range. Equally, it is not easy to see how the expected 15 per cent recovery in corporate profits this year, and again next, can emerge.

Companies will remain under pressure to keep margins up to maintain profits but the extent to which this can be achieved through price increases will be limited by the weakness of domestic and foreign markets. We suspect that UK companies' operating environment will, as in America, force them to rely almost wholly on productivity gains.

As the historical record shows, productivity growth translates rapidly into profits. The rebound in corporate profits in America since 1991 has been largely achieved from restructuring, that is job shedding. This is continuing two years after the end of America's recession. We suspect UK companies have yet to exhaust this line of action.

This is positive for inflation in the UK. Although the headline rate has edged up from what appears to be a cyclical low in recent months, the pressure on companies to extract productivity growth will impose disinflationary pressures of its own.

The main risk to inflation lies not in labour or goods markets but in fiscal policy. The indirect tax increases already in the pipeline will raise inflation by about one point and any further changes in VAT or excise duties the Chancellor may introduce in his November Budget will add more. Even if one accepts the stale bull's view of the dollar, and sterling does depreciate in the coming months, the fundamentally weak outlook for commodity prices ensures that any resulting inflation pressures will be minimal. It is more likely that corporate profit margins will expand with sterling's depreciation, obviating the need to pass on cost increases. The outlook for the underlying rate of inflation next year and even beyond looks, therefore, satisfactory.

Although the conventional gilt market has so far managed to shrug off the modest rise in the inflation rate, it is not generally expected to be able to do so much longer. The consensus is that the market will gradually start to respond to the prospect of economic recovery in a more traditional manner, with the yield on medium dated securities rising by some 30 basis points over the next 12 months.

This does not seem unreasonable, particularly if there is also some weakening in the US bond market. However, if underlying inflation pressures do remain weak, retrenchment in yields may prove little more than a temporary setback. In the near term, we favour the index-linked market over conventionals but, further out, we believe there is likely to be little to choose in terms of the returns on each.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hidden giant in the economy

SIR Dennis Landau, former chief executive of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, has emerged as a prime mover in a drive to create in Britain what the French call the *Economie Sociale*. It identifies as a distinct third sector of the economy, in addition to the private and public sectors, the non-profitmaking organisations such as mutual insurance and healthcare providers, friendly societies, co-operatives and charities. It covers organisations as diverse as Bupa, in healthcare, and the member-owned Automobile Association. Sir Dennis reckons that Britain's social economy organisations are a force to be reckoned with because they account for more than a tenth of GDP. "Organisations in this sector face common problems, such as the capacity to raise new capital without having to convert into limited companies," he says. An initial forum was held last week and regular meetings are planned.

Bonn mot

THOSE who feel that our judiciary is held in low regard can take heart from Germany's Constitutional Court, the weighty body that has just let the Bonn government ratify the Maastricht treaty. The panel of judges, seven men and a woman, is known by the fun-loving Germans as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs".

Morgan the video

IS Merrett group of Lloyd's altogether wise in becoming associated with the US investment house JP Morgan? This, after all, is the outfit inviting New Yorkers to the Morgan Library on Madison Avenue to "celebrate France with us". To mark its 125th anniversary in Paris, Morgan is proudly sponsoring, not exquisite cuisine or fine vintages, but a daily video presentation of St-Exupery's *The Little Prince*, narrated by Macaulay Culkin, precocious star of *Home Alone*. So much for due diligence . . .

Doors of reality

LEON Andrews-Zannetou, the entrepreneur behind London's newest tourist attraction, the House of Detention, in Clerkenwell, has had an unexpected windfall. The governor of Pentonville prison, Bill Abbott, has offered him 250 cell doors from B Wing — wooden, steel-backed and heavily bolted, with a small observation grill and 75 years' service behind them. "I couldn't believe it," says Greek Cypriot Andrews-Zannetou, 46, who founded Kunick, the amusement machines to nursing homes group, and has been laying low since departing in 1988 to pursue new ventures. "The House of Detention has about 300 cells and not one of them has a door. When Bill made his offer, I snapped it up." Pentonville is refitting B Wing with anti-barricade doors.



I would say half a per cent off interest rates and increased taxes

Putt option

A GOLF craze has broken out in the vicinity of Lime Street. Idle brokers and underwriters have taken to playing computer golf on their trading screens, and their employers take a dim view. The roots of it all have been traced to the Corney & Barrow champagne bar at Lloyd's, which is running a golf competition on its screens on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Traders, enticed by Ryder Cup umbrellas, golf balls and other prizes, courtesy of Johnnie Walker, have seven weeks to the final. So far, one team has managed 9*l*. over par — not a round to boast about.

A READER from south London tells me of a local Chinese takeaway . . . called Pang.

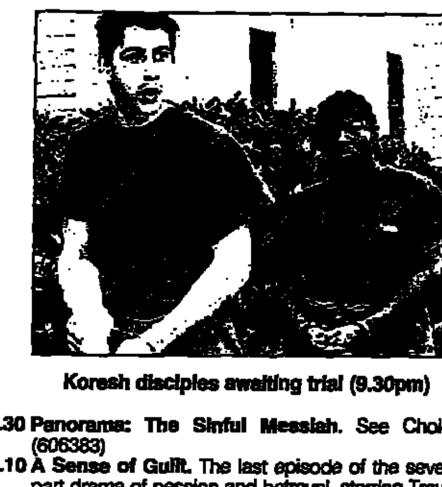
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9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (7713578) **9.45 Newshound.** Up-to-the-minute news quiz presented by Ross King (4830586)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4394741) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7033079)
10.30 Good Morning ... With Anne and Nick. Magazine series (s) (87931050)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh's guest is Cilla Black (s) (3138321) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (23624789)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (15760)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (66910586) **1.50 Going For Gold.** General knowledge quiz game with European contestants. The question-master is Henry Kelly (s) (66914302)
2.15 Knots Landing. Drama spin-off from the *Dallas* saga (s) (8592296) **3.05 Pot Black.** The first semi-final. Steve James plays Mike Hallett (1097031)
3.45 Henry's Cat (r) (1742499) **3.50 Juniper Jungle** (r) (s) (1756692) **4.00 Bodger and Badger** (s) (3320302) **4.10 The Greedysaurus Gang** (8596789) **4.15 Star Pets.** Peter Simon and Philippa Forrester are in Diss, Norfolk, for the *Star Pets* Obstacle Challenge (3638079) **4.35 Albert, the 5th Musketeer.** Swashbuckling animated adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (6942234)
4.55 Newsround (5948505) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (1387654)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (985227). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (789)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (741). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds with another round of the television trivia quiz (s) (2760)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs. (Ceefax) (s) (925)
8.00 The Good Life. Margo and Jerry are upset when Tom starts playing music to the trees, especially as Margo is hoping to be president of the local music society (r). (Ceefax) (8708). **Wales:** Every Second Counts
8.30 Get Back. Comedy drama about coping with the recession. (Ceefax) (s) (7215)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5079)



Koresh disciples awaiting trial (9.30pm)

9.30 Panorama: The Sinful Messiah. See Choice (606383)
10.10 A Sense of Guilt. The last episode of the seven-part drama of passion and betrayal, starring Trevor Eve, Lisa Harrow and Rudi Davies (r). (Ceefax) (s) (879302). **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page 10.35 A Sense of Guilt 11.25 Film 93 11.55 Careering Ahead 12.25am-12.45 The Sky ay Night
11.00 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of *Mr Wonderful* and *Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story* and an interview with director Mike Leigh about his latest, *Naked* (s) (7296). **Wales:** Face Off 11.35 Film 93 12.05am-12.35 Careering Ahead
11.30 Careering Ahead. Office bullying, drama schools and circus trainees (r) (92321)
12.00 Weather (4274635). Ends at **12.05am**
12.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (98093)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (9552654)
8.15 Reviving Antiques with John FitzMaurice Mills (r) (4384944) **8.20 Rock Athlete.** The last in Sid Perou's series on the history of rock climbing (r) (3013012) **8.50 A Week To Remember** (b/w). Newsreel footage from this week in 1953 (4253895)
9.00 A Day In the Life Of. A police river patrol in Suffolk (8248147)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Gordon T Gopher (77186483) **1.30** Christopher Crocodile (78068296) **1.35** Dily the Dinosaur (78090895)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (43320578) **2.05 Numbertime** (r) (s) (88891031) **2.15 Monuments To Man.** The story of concrete (9366673)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9673470) **3.05 Songs of Praise** from Leeds (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6781586) **3.40 A Week To Remember** (b/w). As 8.50am (1758050) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1754234) **4.00 Holiday Outings.** Nicky Fox tours the Perigord region of France by Romany caravan (3337692)
4.05 Film: Gunga Din (1939, b/w) starring Cary Grant, Douglas Fairbanks Jr and Victor McLaglen. Adventure yarn, very loosely based on the Rudyard Kipling poem, following the exploits of three British army sergeants serving in 19th-century India. Directed by George Stevens (55940586)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Classic ghoulish humour (r). (Ceefax) (444586)
6.25 Def II: Les Lives (704505) **6.30 Def II: The Real McCoy.** Irreverent black comedy series (r) (383)
7.00 Def II: D Energy. Music magazine presented by Normski (s) (420302)



Cameroon flair at the World Cup (7.40pm)

7.40 Will To Win: Out of Africa (s) See Choice (550383)
8.30 FILM: Moving Target (1988) starring Jason Bateman, Tom Skerritt and John Glover. A made-for-television thriller about a teenager who arrives home from summer camp to find his family gone and the house empty. As he goes in search for them he finds himself being hunted by the police and ruthless killers. Directed by Chris Thomas (19166)
10.00 Newman and Baddiel in Pieces. Off-beat comedy with Rob Newman and David Baddiel. (Ceefax) (s) (63418)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow (Ceefax) (743673)
11.15 The Late Show. A profile of Scottish writer Alasdair Gray. With contributions from Will Self, Maggie Gee, Iain Banks and Liz Lochhead (s) (810079)
11.55 Weather (539760)
12.00 Tales From Borges: The Gospel According to St Mark (1990). A season of films based on Jorge Luis Borges' short stories. In Spanish with English subtitles (s) (79426). Ends at **1.00**
2.00am-3.40 Night School: Mathematics (381426)

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CHOICE

Panorama: The Sinful Messiah
BBC1, 9.30pm

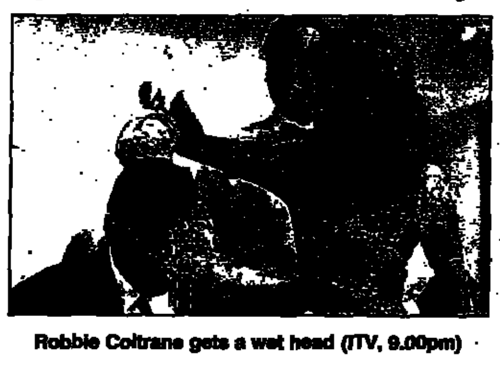
Two reports by the United States government have tried to explain the events leading to the inferno in Waco, Texas, which killed the religious leader, David Koresh, and more than 80 of his followers. Now John Penycate reports for *Panorama*. As well as considering whether the conflagration was due to mass suicide or bungling by the FBI, Penycate looks at British involvement with Koresh's sect. Vicky Hollingsworth, who left Waco disillusioned three weeks before the end of the siege, accuses Koresh of sexual domination, child abuse and rape. Other Britons still follow the cult, among them two men awaiting trial in Texas for conspiracy to murder. Penycate also seeks answers from Bonnie Haldeman, Koresh's mother.

Cutting Edge: Cries of Alarm
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Meningitis is one of the most horrible of diseases, striking so suddenly that a healthy child can be dead in a few hours. In an attempt to prevent such tragedies Dr Parvis Habibi runs Britain's only 24-hour rapid response unit. His aim is to get critically ill children into intensive care at his own hospital, St Mary's in Paddington. The film follows him on three such missions, one of which involves a 50-mile drive into Kent under police escort. So little is known about meningitis that in one case the GP completely failed to diagnose. The programme is a tribute not only to the professionalism of Dr Habibi but also the courage of distressed parents as they wait tearfully at the bedside for the first hopeful signs of a recovery.

Will to Win: Out of Africa
BBC2, 7.40pm

One of the first African sportsmen to make an international mark was a boxer from Senegal called Battling Siki. In the 1920s he knocked out the world champion, Georges Carpentier. His reward was a spurious disqualification from the referee. Since then African boxers have fared better. Kenyan athletes have won medals galore at the Olympics and the Cameroon football team invigorated the last World Cup. But this latest entry in a revealing series is not just a catalogue of success. It looks at the position of African women athletes in a male-dominated culture and asks whether the exodus of African stars in search of greater rewards abroad is a trend to be encouraged.



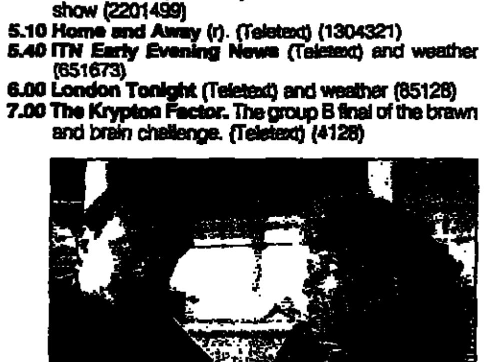
Robbie Coltrane gets a wet head (ITV, 9.00pm)

Cracker: To Say I Love You
ITV, 9.00pm

Running the same story over three episodes means that one element of *Cracker* is threatening to take precedence over the other. We are getting a lot about the shambolic private life of Robbie Coltrane's Fitz, while the detective story is being relegated. Since the latter involves a couple of young tearaways with a particular nasty line in murders, this may not be a bad thing. The show does tend to go for the sordid and rarely spares us the blood. At the same time the off-duty troubles of psychologist Fitz are getting repetitive. The point that a man whose profession is helping others is incapable of running his own life has been well made and hardly needs another embarrassing restaurant scene to ram it home. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV: Early morning news and entertainment. Guests include Cindy Crawford, Sean Connery and James Taylor (6625050)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show set in a supermarket (s) (5376499) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7019499)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (1094708)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (87932789) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2110499)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (4264147)
12.55 Coronation Street. A repeat of Friday's episode. (Teletext) (4272166) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama. (Teletext) (32424499) **1.55 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (66906741)
2.20 ITN News headlines (39825166) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (30275609)
2.30 Capital Women. Anneka Rice and Stephen Gardner find out what it is like to be a policewoman on the beat in Notting Hill Gate (128) **3.00 21 Years of Emmerdale.** Includes interviews with the soap's stars (2147)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (4257321) **3.40 Wizadora** (1752876) **3.50 Wowser** (r) (1741760) **4.00 Sooty & Co** with Matthew Corbett (s) (2492505) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures** (3603383) **4.50 How 2.** Facts and fun show (2201499)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1304321)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (651673)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (85128)
7.00 The Krypton Factor. The group B final of the brawn and brain challenge. (Teletext) (4128)



Surprise news for Lawson and Callard (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. The estranged McDonalds have a lot to talk about. Starring Beverley Callard and Charles Lawson. (Teletext) (321)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Game show for couples hosted by the manic Michael Barrymore. (Teletext) (s) (3876)
8.30 World In Action: No Money to Burn. A look at what the consequences might be of the government's proposal to charge VAT on domestic fuel (s) (2383)
9.00 Cracker. (Teletext) See Choice (1741)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (50944) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (343505)
10.40 Sport in Question Special. A discussion on the state of English football. The panellists include Graham Taylor, Glenn Hoddle, Graham Kelly, Peter Swales and Ray Wilkins (859673)
11.35 Magnum: The Black Orchid. Hawaii-based private detective series starring Tom Selleck (241925)
12.30am The Beat. Music and movie magazine (s) (77161)
1.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (8379987)
2.20 Nite Bites (s) (3532432)
2.30 Sport AM featuring ice hockey and football (44180)
3.30 Videofashion (21426)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (r) (s) (15819)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Film reviews (84890)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (75600)
5.30 ITN Morning News (60161). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Animated adventures (r) (52995)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (67893)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (60321)
9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (4418079) **9.46** Talj, Write and Read (4491302) **10.02** Science Start Here! (5368296) **10.18** World Studies (5378031) **10.40** The English Programme (7220383) **11.07** Time for Maths (4649654) **11.18** Your World (4663234) **11.30** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (8009963) **11.45** Junior Technology (8004418)
12.00 Right to Reply presented by Sheena McDonald. A repeat of Saturday's programme in which viewers gave their reaction to Channel 4's *Doing It With You Is ... Taboo* with the programme's producer Stella Orakwue and the commissioning editor Farrukh Dhondy. (Teletext) (s) (57857)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series (65465)
1.30 Bobobobs. Animation (r) (90050)
2.00 FILM: Sing, Baby, Sing (1936, b/w) starring Alice Faye and Adolphe Menjou. Musical comedy about a nightclub singer whose career takes off after she catches the eye of a drunken Hollywood star. With Gregory Ratoff and the Ritz Brothers. Directed by Sidney Lanfield (189505)
3.35 The Three Stooges in *Playing the Ponies* (b/w) (5453948)
3.55 Garden Club. A repeat of Friday's last of the series when the team were joined by gardeners from south Gloucester. (Teletext) (4878760)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knock out general knowledge quiz. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (234)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's long-running music and chat show introduced by Gay Byrne (s) (4741)
6.00 Batman. Adam West and Burt Ward star as the dynamic duo, this week battling with evil inventor Eivol Ekdal (Jack Kruschen) (499)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Comedy series about growing up in late 1960s America (r). (Teletext) (6994258)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (296550)
7.50 Comment. South African politician and human rights activist Helen Suzman on why she believes there is hope for a peaceful and prosperous South Africa (608302)
8.00 Brookside. Drama soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (1418)
8.30 Desmond's. Norman Beaton and Carmen Munroe star in the Peckham, south London, barber shop comedy. This week Porkpie (Ram John Holder) invites everybody to see him in action on the school crossing. (Teletext) (s) (4875)



Dr Habibi monitors another sick child (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Cries of Alarm. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (9383)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. Drama series set in the American Deep South at a time of racial unrest. This week Forrest helps a black man whom he is prosecuting for murder. Starring Sam Waterston. (Teletext) (s) (2470)
11.00 The American Football Big Match introduced by Gary Imlach (332079)
12.20am Midnight Underground. The series of experimental films continues with *Shift* by Ernie Gehr, *Downside Up* by Tony Hill and *Particles in Space* by Len Lyle (3143616). Ends at **1.30**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Glitter and Twist-with Noddy Holder **9.00** Out on Blue **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-2.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **7.45** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn talks to Baroness Thatcher **7.00** Robert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **9.00** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Traditionally British **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: English 9-11. **9.20** Infant History; **9.30** Song Tree: Music Course 1; **9.45** Let's Move!; **10.05** History 9-11 **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Baby Talk **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS World-wide **2.30** Sportsbeat with Tommy Boyd **6.00** Five Aside **6.30** The Green Hornet **6.45** Kevin the Blue, by Caroline Pitcher **7.00** Champion Sport **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.30am** BBC English **5.45** News in German **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** British News **7.15** The Morning World **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Hoplite to Harrier: Radio History of Warfare **9.00** News **9.05** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Western Philosophers in a Nutshell **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** The State of the States Phone-In **11.30** The Vintage Chart Show **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Let's Do the Show Right Here **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** On the Shelf: *Walden* **3.45** The Tip of the Tongue **4.00** News **4.15** Dot, Dot, Dash **4.30** Turning a Bling Eye **5.00** News **5.10** British News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** BBC English **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** Nachrichten **8.05** Kaleidoskop **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Europe Today **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** British News **11.15** Meridian **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** On Screen **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Litmus Test **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Let's Do the Show Right Here **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** John Peel **5.00** News **5.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Joan Thirkettle **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Mozart (Oboe Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind: Sir Georg Solti **8.00** Evening Concert: Beethoven (Romances: In G, Op 40; In F, Op 50); Schumann (Three Romances, Op 28); Bruckner (Symphony No 4 in E flat, Romantic) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-5.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Nich Johnson **7.00** Wendy Lloyd **10.00** Mark Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Tommy Rivers

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.30 The Good Yarn Show (128) **3.00-3.30** The Young Doctors (2147) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (1304321) **6.00** Home And Away (431012) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (308963) **10.30** Anglia News And Weather (343505) **10.40** Marquee (180550) **11.10** Crime Story (910418) **12.05am** Love And War (5424631) **12.35** Tropical Heat (1669105) **1.35** Sport AM (3268074) **2.35** Donahue (2139906) **3.25** The Beat (7323093) **4.20** Out Of Limits (10025819) **4.30** Riviera (84890) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (75600)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (66908741) **2.30** Cooking With Kurma (128) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2147) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (1304321) **6.00** Home And Away (431012) **6.25-7.00** Central News (306963) **10.30** Central News (343505) **10.40** It's A Living (180550) **11.10** Pro Box Classics (632128) **12.10am** Sail The World (6874172) **12.40** Coach (4840618) **1.10** Film: Guns Of Darkness (606161) **3.05** Sport AM (3498600) **4.05** Job Finder (2282258) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8369797)

GRANADA

As London except: 2.30 Gardener's Diary (128) **3.00-3.30** Sons And Daughters (2147) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (1304321) **6.00** Home And Away (857) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (437) **10.30** Granada News (815234) **10.35** Granada Business Week (342876) **10.45** Being There (393741) **11.15** Film: Hitchhike! (Cloris Leachman, Michael Brandon) (317760) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (1669105) **1.35** Sport A.M. (3268074) **2.35** Donahue (2139906) **3.25** The Beat (7323093) **4.20** Out Of Limits (10025819) **4.30** Riviera (84890) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (75600)

VARIATIONS

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.30 21 Years Of Emmerdale (128) **3.00-3.30** The Young Doctors (2147) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (85128) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (343505) **10.40** Married...With Children (180550) **11.10** Folly Square (700878) **11.40** War Of The Worlds (271166) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (1669105) **1.35** Sport AM (3268074) **2.35** Donahue (2139906) **3.25** The Beat (7323093) **4.20** Out Of Limits (10025819) **4.30** Riviera (84890) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (75600)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (857) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (437) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (343505) **10.40** Dennis O'Neill (736383) **11.25-11.40** World Cup Hall Of Fame (424079) **4.20am-4.20** The Beat (71071819)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 2.30 Houseparty (128) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (2147) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (857) **6.30-7.00** Spirit Of The South Nature Lands (437) **10.30** Meridian News (343505) **10.40** The Hidden Room (180550) **11.10** Confidential (700876) **11.40-12.30pm** Beverly Hills 90210 (882321) **2.30am-3.30** Sport AM (44180)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25-12.30 Lookaround (2128418) **2.35** An Invitation To Remember (9154383) **3.00-3.30** The Young Doctors (2147) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (147645) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (437) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (343505) **10.40** In A City Art (9910708) **12.05am** Sail The World (5424631) **12.35** Film: The King Avenger (740068) **2.30** Entertainment U.K. (44180) **3.30-4.30** ITV Chart Show (50797)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (66908741) **2.30** Gardening Time (128) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2147) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (85128) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (343505) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (180550) **11.10** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (910418) **12.05am** Coach (1723628) **12.30** My Story (8666987) **12.35** Tropical Heat (1669105) **1.35** Sport AM (3268074) **2.35** Donahue (2139906) **3.25** The Beat (7323093) **4.20** Out Of Limits (10025819) **4.30-5.00** Riviera

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.35 An Invitation To Remember (9154383) **3.00-3.30** The Young Doctors (2147) **5.55** Calendar News (147645) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (437) **10.30** Calendar News (343505) **10.40** Local Heroes (180550) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (910418) **12.05am** Sail The World (5424631) **12.35** Film: The King Avenger (740068) **2.30** Entertainment U.K. (44180) **3.30-4.30** ITV Chart Show (50797)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (67893) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (60321) **9.30** Schools (132925) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (57857) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (90609) **1.00** Roseanne (17370) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (90050) **2.00** Film: The Private Life Of Henry VIII (565876) **3.40** The Herbs (1134827) **4.00** Slot 23 (2505) **5.00** Batman (5234) **5.30** Fifteen To One (586) **6.00** Newyddion (554437) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (730302) **6.25** Heno (304505) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5470) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (963) **8.00** Penblwydd Hapus (1418) **8.30** Newyddion (4875) **9.00** Sgorio (9383) **10.00** Brookside (58586) **10.30** Cheers (67234) **11.00** American Football (604708) **12.15am** I'll Fly Away (407744)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Including Handel (Concerto Grosso in C minor, Op 6 No 8); Handel (Concerto Grosso in C minor, Op 6 No 8); Liszt (Grand Galop Chromatique); Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D, Classical); Mendelssohn (Overture, The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave); Milhaud (Suite, Scaramouche); Bach (Concerto in C minor for Oboe and Violin, BWV 1060)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Arne, Boyce and Friends. Boyce (Symphony No 5); Arne (The Lover's Recantation; Organ Concerto No 2); Boyce (Softly Rise O Southern Breeze); Capel Bond (Trumpet Concerto); Arne (Delia); Dibdin (The Ephesian Matron)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Corydon Singers under Matthew Best perform settings of psalms by Bruckner, Brahms and Mendelssohn; Mahler (Symphony No 1 in D)
12.00 Verdi Voices: Heroism and Patriotism. Roderick Swanston compares the great Verdi singers. Ponselle, Caballé, Pavarotti, Caruso, Vickers and Gobbi sing extracts from *Attila*, *Il trovatore* and *Aida*
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert from St John's, Smith Square, London. Shura Cherkassky, piano, plays Bach (Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue in D minor, BWV 903); Berg (Piano Sonata, Op 1); Chopin (Barcarolle in F sharp, Op 60); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 11 in A minor). See Choice
2.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Lazarev performs Elgar (Enigma Variations); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1: Ida Haendel); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A)
3.45 César Franck: Fantaisie in C; Pastorale; Choral No 2 in B minor (Gillian Weir, organ) (r)
4.30 Keyboard à la King: Max Harrison focuses on Nat King Cole's work with Irving Ashby, guitar, and Joe Comfort, bass, and includes a 1950 session with the Stan Kenton Orchestra
5.00 In Tune, presented by Andrew Green. Including Bernstein (Overture, Candide); Liszt (Les Jeux d'eau à la Villa d'Este); Bach (Cantata 51, Jauchzet Gott in Allen Landen)
7.30 Hallé Orchestra under Kent Nagano, with Sophie Cherrier, flute, performs Mozart (Overture, Don Giovanni; Flute Concerto in G, K313); Boulez (Memoriale, explosante-fixe; Messagesquisse for Seven Cellos); Mozart (Symphony No 41 in C, Jupiter, K551)
9.00 In a Word: Beginnings with Ivan Hewett
9.20 Bath International Festival 1993: Nash Ensemble performs Oliver Knussen (Songs without Voices); Mark Anthony Turnage (At Close of Day); Robin Holloway (Summer Music; Fantasy-Pieces on Schumann's Liederkreis)
10.45 Mixing It: Robert Sandall and Mark Russell talk to Holger Czukay, a former member of the rock group Can
11.30 Music Restor'd: David Fallows introduces a programme from this year's York Early Music Festival. Trio Sonnerie perform music by Marais, Forqueray, Couperin, Balbastre and Rameau
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day; **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Passport to Hell: Pete McCarthy travels through the BBC sound archives in search of holidays past **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and guests Beryl Bainbridge, Anthony Minghella, Danah Zohar and Paul McKenna
10.00-10.30 Inspiration (FM only): Chris Stuart chairs the quiz on designs and inventions from the National Railway Museum, in York
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from St Martin's Church, Belfast
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Job read by Joss Ackland (5 of 7) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Round Britain Quiz: The London team of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn take on the Scottish team of Joyce McMillan and Colin Bell **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; A Season of Clear Shining, by Nan Woodhouse. A Quaker and a Catholic try to reconcile their love and different beliefs in the intolerant world of 17th-century England. With Kathryn Hunt and Neil Roberts (r)
3.15 Whackademics: The author David Stafford investigates the sex lives and drug habits of spiders, meets some detective maggots and discovers that you can outrun a wasp but not a bee
3.30 Eureka: Barbara Myers talks to Professor Kay Davies, director of the new MRC Clinical Sciences Centre, about her life and her work on genetic diseases
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope meets the singer Thomas Allen; reviews Sophie Treadwell's *Machinal* at the National Theatre; and looks at the photography of Bruce Chatwin
4.45 Short Story: Load Shedding, by Satyajit Ray. Read by Sam Dastor
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: Glaswegians' diet (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Lake. See Choice
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Heather Payton **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime. An extract from one of the shortlisted novels, *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*, by Roddy Doyle is read by Dermot Crowley
11.00 You Heard It Here First: An Actor's Life for Me, by Paul Mayhew-Archer. With John Gordon-Sinclair (r) **11.30 Today in Parliament**
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

The Monday Play: The Lake. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
Until the moment when it slaps the ace down on the table, Ellen Dryden's drama about a lake that obsesses a husband and father (James Aubrey) plays its cards close to its chest. Dryden would not thank me for saying anything here that might give the game away. However, in psychological plays such as this, an element of surprise is not in itself enough reason to give them a seal of merit. There are several scenes in *The Lake*, particularly the closing minutes, in which the dialogue is not worthy of the actors. Nevertheless as a mood piece, the play is gripping.

BBC Lunchtime Concert: Shura Cherkassky. *Radio 3, 1.05pm.*
It was a moment to cherish. Two years ago, on his eightieth birthday, the great Russian-born pianist gave a recital at St John's, Smith Square, in London. Those lucky enough to get a ticket on that occasion heard a performer whose virtuosity linked him with the likes of past masters such as Rachmaninov and Horowitz. He returns to St John's this lunchtime. The Radio 3 listings will tell you what a treat you have in store for you. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show (15802483) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (7392925) **9.10** Cartoons (8907789) **9.30** Pyramid Game (44895) **10.00** Card Sharks (2871809) **10.25** Concentration (5172079) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (51586) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (18037) **12.30pm** E Street (15383) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (43166) **2.00** The Rebel (44708) **3.00** Another World (6241499) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (5599963) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3031) **6.00** Games World (4857) **6.30** E Street (8437) **7.00** Rescue (4760) **7.30** Growing Pains (7321) **8.00** 2000 Malibu Road (mini-series: 1 of 3) (66031) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (95166) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (72079) **12.00** The Outer Limits (93074) **1.00am** Night Court (68451) **1.30-2.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (96722)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00 Sunrise (8597166) **9.30** Roving Report (15147) **10.30** The Book Show (64925) **11.30** Japan Business Today (50037) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (66741) **1.30** CBS Morning News (69470) **2.30** The Book Show (95012) **3.30** Travel Destinations (95383) **4.30** World News and Business Report (4234) **5.00** Live at Five (346166) **7.30** Special Report (5963) **9.30** Talkback (94673) **11.30** CBS Evening News (99789) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (33797) **1.30** Special Report (75398) **2.30** Travel Destinations (21838) **3.30** Talkback (20155) **4.30** Special Report (28180) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (16895)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5362969)
10.00 Knightrider 2000 (1991): David Hasselhoff works with a talking car (28499)
12.00 The Man Upstairs (1991): Katharine Hepburn and Ryan O'Neal play a reclusive old lady and a fast-talking convict (18383)
2.00pm Agatha (1979): Speculative account of Agatha Christie's disappearance (19058)
3.40 The Secret of Santa Vittoria (1969): Italian villagers attempt to hide their wine from the Germans (83163437)
6.00 Knightrider 2000 (as 10am) (56654)
8.00 Coupe de Ville (1990): Autobiographical story by Mike Binder (20486031)
9.40 UK Top Ten (288925)
10.00 Hudson Hawk (1991): Bruce Willis plays a cat burglar (718383)
11.40 Bruce v Bill: Martial arts action with Bill Louie and Bruce Le (235760)
1.30am 976-Evil II (1991): Two boys believe a serial killer is committing murders in police custody (10909161)
3.40 Walking Tall Part 2: Vengeance Trail (1975): Bo Svenson avenges his wife's murder (234074). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm American Graffiti (1973): Four friends prepare to go their way (30654)
8.00 Twilight Zone — The Movie (1983): Four spooky tales from directors Landis, Spielberg, Dante and Miller (42499)
10.00 Mean Streets (1973): Classic about the Mafia in Little Italy. With Robert De Niro (389760). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Spirit of St Louis (1957): Story of Charles Lindbergh's trans-Atlantic flight (53068296)
8.20 Hansel and Gretel (1988): Animated version of the folk tale (25224499)
10.00 Four for Texas (1963): Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra play cowboys (17741)
12.00 Lost Horizon (1937, b/w): A group of revolutionaries discover an ancient Tibetan settlement (49248215)
2.15pm The Two-Headed Spy (1958): Biopic of the spy Colonel Alex Schottland who infiltrated the Gestapo (100963)
4.00 Hansel and Gretel (as 8.20am) (6505)
6.00 Woman with a Past (1992): A wife and mother is arrested for armed robbery (54296)
8.00 Keeping Secrets: Suzanne Somers In Her Own Story (1991): Fact-based story of a family living with alcoholism (11789031)
9.35 Special Feature: Joe Pesci. A retrospective on the actor's career (676499)
10.00 Doc Hollywood (1991): Michael J. Fox is a young city doctor forced to stay in a rural backwater (198470)
11.45 Paris Trout (1990): Dennis Hopper shoots a young black woman and her 12-year-old daughter (111741)
1.25am Mortal Passions (1990): Erotic thriller about a duplicitous woman (303567)
3.05 Bad and Breakfast (1991): Roger Moore is beaten and left for dead but rescued by three women (91325123). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (92857) **7.30** Superbikes Grand Prix (66234) **9.00** Prime Bodies (10789) **9.30** American Challenge Golf (63925) **11.30** Golf: Irish Senior Masters (87050) **12.00** FA Football: Ipswich Town v Leeds Utd (52741) **2.00pm** Baseball (489505) **5.00** Windsurfing (3296) **5.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (5760) **6.00** Soccer News (523692) **6.15** Wrestling Challenge (735586) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Blackburn Rovers v Sheffield Utd (82876708) **10.15** Soccer News (472895) **10.30** Goal (99942) **11.00** Ringside Superbouts (21055) **12.00-2.00am** Football (as 7pm) (48546)

EUROSPORT

8.30am Step Aerobics (14505) **9.00** Golf: Dunhill Cup from St Andrews (77050) **11.00** Cycling (15708) **12.00** The Pharaoh Rally (37944) **1.00pm** Motorsport (46692) **2.00** Tennis: ATP Tour (18418) **4.00** Tennis: WTA Ladies' Tournament (82741) **5.00** Eurofun (1692) **5.30** European Trampolining Championship (71944) **6.30** Australian Safari Car Rally (47499) **7.30** News (7505) **8.00** Tennis: ATP Tour (36429) **10.00** Boxing (12234) **11.00** Eurogoals (96673) **12.00** Eurogolf (37432) **1.00-1.30am** News (13971)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (3263012) **7.30** Neighbours (3282147) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8458437) **8.30** EastEnders (8457708) **9.00** The Bill (8431760) **9.30** Nanny (5342944) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (7201857) **11.30** Rhoda (3521128) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8428296) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5351050) **1.00** EastEnders (3262383) **1.30** The Bill (5350321) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (6593383) **2.30** Shelley (6117166) **3.00** Dallas (3526944) **4.00** Dynasty (3544079) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8517963) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8188654) **6.00** Neighbours (8118895) **6.30** EastEnders (6109147) **7.00** Nanny (7165050) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (8513147) **8.30** Shelley (8592654) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (7181234) **10.00** The Bill (8429925) **10.30** Naked Video (8439673) **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1978 (3424692) **11.50** Dr Who: The Hand of Fear (2998437) **12.20am** FILM: Border Incident (1949, b/w): An American agent teams up with a Mexican to crack a drugs ring (24847600) **1.50-7.00** Shopping at Night (74451513)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (64321) **7.00** Around the World with Willy Fog (3172166) **7.45** Pugwall's Summer (8289586) **8.30** Widget (61437) **9.00** Jack in the Box (42514) **11.00** Stories Without Words (19673) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (10302) **12.00** Fame (84876) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (42550) **3.00** Care Bears (3184296) **3.25** RatKan II (6061470) **4.00** Sandokan (5166) **4.30-5.00** Betty's Bunch (4050)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (80499) **7.30** Guts (71514) **8.00** Kid's Court (26708) **8.30** Wild Side Show (27079) **9.00** We All Have Tales (49401) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (50695) **10.00** Jenoach's Dream (70147) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (49485) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (84963) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (42505) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (21383) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (82470) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (20654) **2.00** Jenoach's Dream (3908) **2.30** Nick Jr Story Time (8588) **3.00** Kabloocy (2321) **3.30** Out of Control (4031) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (3166) **4.30** Hey Dude (2050) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (4166) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (3302) **6.00** Guts (2465) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (4895)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Earthfile (8199760) **4.30** From Monkeys to Apes (6135944) **5.00** Those Who Dare (8515505) **5.30** Skybound (6186296) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (1709401) **6.00** Extra Dimensions: Headaches (8783499) **7.00** Get Wet (8505741) **7.30** The Extremists (6196673) **8.00** Discovery Wildside (7149012) **9.00** Terra X (3631505) **9.30** Pacifica Tales from the South Seas (5346128) **10.00** Search for Adventure: Shark Shooters (7162963) **11.00-12.00** Birds in Australia (3270302)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (8446882) **12.30pm** FILM: An American in Paris (1951): Starring Gene Kelly (27023963) **2.25** FILM: Cat and Mouse (1958): A robber's daughter is held hostage (13921321) **3.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (34350079) **4.00** The Flying Nun (8193588)

4.30 My Three Sons (6182470) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (6502031) **5.30** Honey West (6106050) **6.00** I Spy: A Day Called Jaguar (5361437) **7.00** Cannon: Call Unicorn (7167418) **8.00** FILM: The Romantic Englishwoman (1975): Starring Glenda Jackson and Michael Caine (7147654) **10.00** FILM: The Beast in the Cellar (1971): Two sisters hide their brother in the cellar (7928437) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (8821352)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (2891708) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (8907895) **8.30** Living Daylights (8908166) **9.00** Divorce Court (8987418) **9.30** Hot Topics (5429470) **10.00** Health UK (3749857) **10.30** Living Extra (8968302) **11.00** On the House (1749383) **11.30** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (1740012) **12.00** Practical Living (35918692) **12.15pm** Kilroy (7941499) **1.00** Crosswits (8536876) **1.30** Infatuation (5439857) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3740586) **3.00** Agony Hour (1751128) **4.00** Crosswits (7317437) **4.30** Infatuation (7306321) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (6350857) **6.00** What's Up, Dr Ruth? (7394586) **6.30** Masterchef (7318166) **7.00** Agony Hour (3195296) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (3104944) **9.00** FILM: Fyre. A girl is given a second chance (20572215) **10.35** Fame Fortune and Romance (7454079) **11.00** Divorce Court (1784692) **11.30** The All New Dr Ruth Show (3738741) **12.00** Days of Our lives (2848616)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Bay (6166) **5.30** Wonder Years (5302) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (2215) **6.30** Catchphrase (6895) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6302) **7.30** All Clued Up (2079) **8.00** Remington Steele (44857) **9.00** Neon Rider (57321) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (33654) **10.30** Mary Tyler Moore Show (42302) **11.00** Bob Newhart Show (40614) **11.30** Newhart (82741) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (93068)

MTV

7.00am Awake on the Wild Side (915505) **10.00** Marijne (838944) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (82654) **2.00** Simone (878857) **4.30** Report (8898673) **4.45** At the Movies (6893128) **5.00** News (8507437) **5.15** 3 from 1 (5481857) **5.30** The Grind (7760) **6.00** Hit List UK (45586) **8.00** Midnight Oil Unplugged (46215) **9.00** Music Non-Stop (86079) **10.00** Greatest Hits (69166) **11.00** Report (585925) **11.15** At the Movies (588876) **11.30** News at Night (838012) **11.45** 3 from 1 (864895) **12.00** Rock Block (97838) **2.00am** Marijne (97109) **3.00-7.00** Night Videos (6509548)

TV ASIA

6.00am Asian Morning (24186) **6.30** Punjabi News (7310944) **6.45** Gujarati News (3701505) **7.00** Bengali News (11741) **7.30** Hindi News (30876) **8.00** Urdu News (59692) **8.30** English News (32505) **9.30** Hissar (77925) **10.30** Lifestyle (75079) **11.30** Telly Talk (14128) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (69079) **12.30pm** Mustafain (92895) **1.00** Pakistani FILM (553789) **4.00** Kiddie Time (37079) **5.00** TVA Dedicated to You (9499) **6.00** Close **7.00** Showtime (26437) **8.00** English News (392499) **8.15** Face to Face with Ramola Bachchan (861925) **9.00** Hindi FILM: Anndhi Toofan (841019) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (4174426) **1.00** Hindi FILM: Jaagruti (2754180) **4.00** Ajanabee (78797) **5.00** Sauda (53426) **5.30-6.00** Music (57895)

TNT

8.00pm The Big House (1930, b/w): Wallace Beery, Chester Morris and Robert Montgomery play three prisoners (54614789)
9.40 Blackwell's Island (1939, b/w): A reporter lands himself in jail (91800383)
11.00 The Big Doll House (as 8pm) (51627673)
12.45am Ladies They Talk About (1933, b/w): A robber seeks revenge. With Barbara Stanwyck and Lyle Talbot (94645258)
2.05 Road Gang (1936, b/w): A Chicago reporter tries to reform a prison (50883345)
3.20 Born for Trouble (1942, b/w): Drama about a prison murder ring (84577258)
4.30 Alcatraz Island (1937, b/w): A former jailbird adapts to life outside (10347600). Ends at **6.00**

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Tories retreat from full post privatisation

BY PHILIP BASSETT
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■ Proposals to privatise the state's largest remaining profitable business have been set aside because ministers fear it would not pass in a House of Commons vote

THE government is set to keep the Post Office in the public sector — rejecting full privatisation. But it is also aiming to relax financial controls to allow it to compete more evenly.

After a 16-month review, ministers have decided not to proceed with privatisation — even though the outcome was that it was technically feasible. Although no final decision has been taken in the absence from work of Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, ministers are convinced privatisation would lead to considerable opposition from Tory backbenchers.

After talks with senior Tories and party business managers, they do not believe that the government would be able to command a majority on the issue in the Commons.

Industry ministers will be pressing Mr Heseltine for an early decision after he returns this week, but they and Whitehall officials will recommend that instead of full privatisation, the government should make two moves about the future structure of services.

Ministers look set to go ahead with the privatisation of Parcelforce. They see no reason why — in a well developed private sector market for parcel carriage — that the Post Office"s easily separated parcel business should not be moved into the private sector.

However, they will maintain the ability of the Post Office centrally to transport smaller parcels in order to retain an over-the-counter service for smaller customers.

The government is expected to loosen the strings under which the Post Office's finances are governed. Senior managers have been pressing hard for a relaxation of controls to allow it to compete effectively with other carriers, especially in Europe. They argue that full expansion of services to meet a growing market is impossible under the present financial regime.

Ministers are reluctant at a time of a high public deficit to lose any revenue-generating capability — the Post Office's planned contribution to the Treasury has been trebled for this year to £181 million, after contributing £840 million over the past ten years.

But they have now accepted the commercial argument made by the Post Office that the service must be allowed some financial freedom if it is to combat the threat from other carriage services, both from the private sector in Britain and from foreign competitor postal services.

While ministers accept that the decision not to privatise will take away from the Exchequer the £2 billion the sale might have been expected to realise, they believe that the difficulties of taking the matter through the Commons would be too great for a government with a small majority and which is currently electorally highly unpopular.

They are fearful, too, of the damage that could be wreaked on unsteady Tory morale from a campaign against privatisation that would be mounted by a range of opposition groups, from Labour and the postal unions to consumer bodies.

The government's move is likely to prompt strong opposition from the Thatcherite right of the party. Lady Thatcher yesterday identified the Post Office as one of the remaining targets for privatisation — though speaking on BBC1's *Frost on Sunday* she stopped short of advocating full privatisation of the whole of it.

Emphasising there were parts of it ready to be moved into the private sector, she said that there was "very much more to do with the collection and delivery of the mail".

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ADRIAN BROOKS



David Soskin aims for a class act, with up to 200 Asquith Court Schools in Britain

Nursery schools spell success

BY DEREK HARRIS

WHATEVER the Chancellor reveals about spending on nursery schools next month, David Soskin plans to keep opening them. His Asquith Court Schools has already invested £10 million in ten schools, mainly in and around London. The eleventh is likely to open in Swindon just before the Budget and, on the basis of American experience in the market, Mr Soskin believes there is scope for him to build up a chain of 200 in Britain.

Asquith began in 1989 just as the recession began, but still broke even within a year. It has five preparatory schools in addition to its nursery schools and made an operating profit of £500,000 on turnover of £5 million last year. Mr Soskin sees this as a virtually new sector because Asquith is combining a strictly commercial expertise approach with education and care skill. It claims already to be the largest directly controlled independent provider of pre-school day care.

Mr Soskin, a former banker and Redland business development director, said: "In the United States, pre-school nurseries are big business, although the emphasis is on care".

Asquith has a qualified teacher with each class and touch-screen computers in every classroom. It offers education all year and care from eight in the morning to six in the evening.

Mr Soskin is also talking to several local authorities, many more of which are likely to contract out nursery facilities. With 32,000 children in locally authority day nurseries, the market could be worth more than £200 million.

Trafalgar plans to make £400m rights issue

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

TRAFALGAR House, the property and engineering construction group effectively controlled by the Hong Kong-centered Jardine Matheson group, is planning to make its third rights issue in three years to strengthen its balance sheet and prepare the way for renewed expansion.

The need for new cash emerged from a business review ordered by Simon Keswick, who became chairman in May and represents Hongkong Land, which has a 25 per cent stake in the group. It is likely to raise up to £400 million and will probably take place in December, when the troubled group announces its results for the year to end September. The issue could result in the Jardine group, of which Hongkong Land is part, consolidating its control.

Trafalgar is expected to report a loss of up to £70 million after provisions of £100 million, already announced, for exceptional property writedowns. The group reported a loss of £98 million for the first half.

The Keswick family of Jardines, who have spread the group's interest to dilute its dependence on Hong Kong and are now mainly based in Britain, are also consolidating management control.

Alan Gormly, who built up Trafalgar's Davy John Brown process engineering group, is to step down from the position of chief executive next summer and become a non-executive director. He will be replaced by Nigel Rich, retiring *taipan* of Jardine Matheson.

Mr Gormly, a career engineer, became chief executive a year ago when, under pressure from institutional shareholders, Sir Nigel Broackes, Trafalgar's architect, stepped down from the chairmanship and Sir Eric Parker stepped down as chief executive.

Trafalgar has been unable to return to expansion in areas such as housebuilding because of the damage done during the property slump. Although some businesses were expected to be sold, the new board has maintained the policy of not selling the Ritz and other hotels unless there is an acceptable bid. The group's shipping business, centred on Cunard, has now been confirmed as a core business for the future.

Names warned off new action group

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD's names are being warned not to join a new action group, Lloyd's Action Group for Restitution and Deposit Defence, on the grounds that its mission is flawed.

The new action group argues that Lloyd's has unfairly drawn down on names' deposits, an action employed when names fail to pay their cash calls. But Tom Benyon, treasurer of the Society of Names, has written to names that "SoN has asked many lawyers ... whether they think there is sufficient evidence available to prevent drawdown ... The only lawyers who appear to think [such an action] may succeed have written to you on behalf of this new group."

Meanwhile, Lloyd's faces the threat of demands for the postponement of Wednesday's crucial vote on the introduction of corporate capital, which is expected to be close. The decision to call for an adjournment was made by the steering committee of the Lloyd's Names Association Working Party, the umbrella organisation for all action groups. Names are anxious about the impact of new corporate capital on resolution of their own prior losses.

☐ Some names are concerned over whether they will be able to call on their stop-loss policies to meet any cash demands needed for Newco, the company taking over the liabilities of policies written in 1985 and prior years. One said: "Many names are trading on and are not litigating. We paid huge premiums for stop-loss cover and now we may not be able to use them."

CBI calls for freeze on European labour laws

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH business leaders are urging Brussels to halt all future European changes in employment law.

The plea, in a private letter from the Confederation of British Industry to the European Commission, is backed up today by a public declaration from the CBI that Europe risks losing more trade and jobs, unless it takes urgent steps to reduce costs and EC bureaucracy.

Howard Davies, CBI director-general, calls for a moratorium on future EC-wide labour market intervention in a letter to Padraig Flynn, the European commissioner for social affairs.

In a submission to the EC in advance of the publication next month by Mr Flynn of a green paper on the future of European social policy, the CBI acknowledges that the benefits of the EC single market "will only be secured with the wholehearted commitment of employees".

But the realities of global competition, the CBI says, demand "a new approach to social policy" from the EC that concentrates on allowing companies the flexibility they need to improve their cost competitiveness.

In its public document, the CBI echoes its private letter, suggesting that competition is likely to intensify, rather than lessen, during the decade.

Battle looms at Lonrho over board posts

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

A BATTLE is looming between Tiny Rowland and Dieter Bock, joint chief executives of Lonrho, when the board of the international group meets tomorrow to vote on Herr Bock's proposal to appoint two non-executive directors.

The move is part of Herr Bock's plan to introduce more accountability and "normalise" its affairs, as well as strengthening his own hand. If passed, Peter Harper, a director of Hanson, and Stephen Walls, chairman of Albert Fisher, will become Lonrho's first non-executive directors for 20 years, eroding Mr Rowland's influence.

However, Mr Rowland is believed to have opposed changes to the running of the group he built. He has been reluctant to appoint non-executives since he defeated an attempt by eight former directors to remove him as chief executive. The board was due to consider Herr Bock's proposal earlier this month, but the vote was postponed to allow Mr Rowland and other board members to meet the candidates. Mr Rowland's increasing resistance to Herr Bock's efforts to open up Lonrho, one of Britain's most secretive public companies, has resulted in a marked deterioration in the relationship between the two. The odds are now against agreement before tomorrow's meeting, although potential compromises include electing one outsider or one nominated by each side.

Both joint chief executives have strong support in the boardroom. Herr Bock, a German property investor whose own financial background remains little known, is believed to have secured the backing of several directors and Mr Rowland is thought to be able to rely on René Leclézio, the chairman and Robert Dunlop and Paul Spicer, the deputy chairmen. Herr Bock can probably also call on support from Lonrho's big institutional investors such as Postel, the pension fund of BT and the Post Office, and Fidelity.

Herr Bock, who is keen to recruit further non-executives, has told Lonrho directors the appointments are "non-negotiable" and that he is even prepared to call an extraordinary meeting if the board fails to support him.

There has been speculation that Mr Rowland, who owns 7½ per cent of Lonrho's shares, has considered raising money to try to buy back Herr Bock's 18.8 per cent stake, half of which he sold to Herr Bock in December, in a bid to reassert his control. Analysts believe Lonrho's share price would fall sharply if disagreement between the two turns into a public battle.



The honeymoon could be over for Dieter Bock, left, and Tiny Rowland

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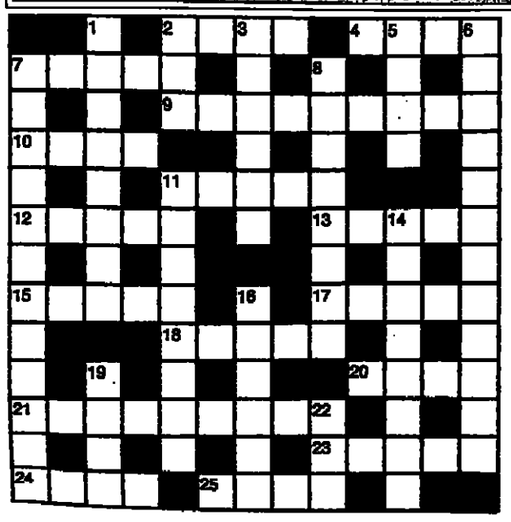
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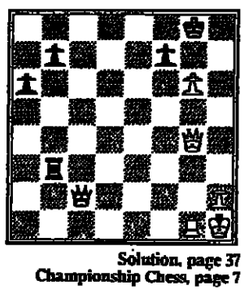
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 4. It looks as though White has powerful threats down the g-file. How did Kasparov snuff out this counterplay?



Watch out for part seven of the history of the world championship in next Saturday's magazine, when we see Fischer in action.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

EUROCLYDON
a. A stormy wind
b. Broad-skulled Homo sapiens
c. A violent current

DIGHEL
a. A stumbling-block
b. Secret
c. An Indian language

WAYZGOOSE
a. The Eider duck
b. A sign-post
c. A printer's holiday

DAPATICAL
a. Having half-rhymes
b. A Byzantine deacon
c. Sumptuous, of a feast

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